

When it comes to a hurricane, it can take years to rebuild. Sometimes, it takes decades. But before rebuilding can even begin, communities need the chance to tell their stories. Rarely is the process of remembering the storm easy or comfortable. But often, it's a survivor's first chance to start healing. As World Renew helps communities assess needs and plan a path toward hope, we also help survivors discover they are not alone.

One of those survivors is named *Craig*.

For Craig, Hurricane Michael hit hard, destroying both his home and the restaurant where he worked. With nowhere to live and no source of income, Craig soon found himself living out of his car and battling hopelessness.

The day Craig walked to the World Renew Needs Assessment Center, his heart felt heavy and his eyes were downcast. What if this failed? What if no one could do anything? What if he really was all alone?

But as Craig told his story to a World Renew Disaster Response Service (DRS) volunteer, something shifted. Craig noticed his needs being heard and affirmed. He found connections to the people and resources he needed for support. He learned that he was not forgotten, and that the road to hope included him.

Now, with a new job and growing savings for an apartment to live in while repairs continue, Craig is moving forward. There's still much to grieve, but there's people to share in his journey. It's enough grace for today to keep chasing bright hope for tomorrow.

Your gift this DRS Sunday will go straight to World Renew Need Assessments like the one that changed Craig's life.

Thank you for giving.



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