



On the night of the storm, Melvin and his wife Janette waited in their home as Hurricane Harvey passed through their community in Port Arthur, Texas. As the storm raged, water began to seep into their home and within minutes nearly two feet of water had collected.

At 1:30 a.m. they packed up their dog and some clothing and waited for friends to come help them. Outside, they could see their neighborhood was submerged in four feet of water. With their belongings in hand, the two walked almost a quarter mile to their friend's truck sitting on dryer ground.

Now that the storm is over, the difficulty of rebuilding has begun, not only for Melvin and Janette, but for thousands of people impacted by hurricanes this year. So many are homeless and are in need of God's love and your encouragement.

World Renew Disaster Response Services volunteers have begun assisting residents like Melvin and Janette as they gut and clean out their homes. Melvin said the help from World Renew DRS is a blessing.

Melvin was planning to retire this fall, but with the storm, they lost everything. He has continued to work at his job and repair their home when he finds time.

"I tried to do as much as I could," said Melvin. "But I'm so tired, trying to work too, and do this."

He said it was a sigh of relief when his church told him World Renew DRS was going to help. "When they showed up . . . I thanked the Lord," he said.

With your help World Renew will continue supporting disaster survivors in Texas and across North America as they rebuild their communities. Please consider giving generously on DRS Sunday to ensure that God's love is felt beyond the storm. Your gift builds faith and gives hope to those in need.

WORLD RENEW DRS SUNDAY



**"And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love.
But the greatest of these is love."**

1 Corinthians 13:13

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