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World Renew DRS is responding to Louisiana floods as follows:

- DRS volunteers arrived in Baton Rouge the week of August 22.
- DRS is planning recovery efforts, once the water recedes, with community leaders.
- DRS will make plans for assisting homeowners with tasks such as property clean up, mucking out homes, and making essential repairs.
- DRS volunteer managers and staff make connections with other agencies to plan long-term recovery, including home reconstruction.

You can support the World Renew DRS response in Louisiana with your financial gift. Your donation will be used to assist homeowners who are elderly, low income, or disabled repair or rebuild their damaged homes — and bring them hope in Christ’s name in the weeks and months ahead.

Here’s how you can help.

- \$20 supplies volunteers with small tools like hammers and paintbrushes to use in home repair.
- \$35 connects a survivor with a trusted DRS advocate who ensures that their needs are met.
- \$50 provides volunteers who clean up and remove debris from damaged homes with shovels, brooms, buckets, and a wheelbarrow.

Please give generously, as you are able, in today’s offering for World Renew DRS “North American Disasters 2016.” You can also give at worldrenew.net/donate, or call 800-552-7972 (U.S.) and 800-730-3490 (Canada).

If you are available on short notice to help with Louisiana flood clean-up, call 800-848-5818 or visit worldrenew.net/rapid-response to learn more.

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