

World Renew DRS Sunday 2013

GRACIOUS
RIGHTEOUS
EMOTIONAL
ECSTATIC
NICE
SPECIAL
HAPPY
INSPIRING
RELIEVED
THANKFUL
SUPER AMAZING



**DISASTER
RESPONSE
SERVICES**

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do. [Ephesians 2:10](#)



To eight-year-old Maddie Bland, volunteers in green shirts are, among other things, “super-amazing.” In August 2011 the home of Maddie and her parents, Derrie and Cheri, was in the direct path of flooding caused by Hurricane Irene in Schoharie, New York. Two feet of water surged through the Blands’ house, leaving behind not only a soggy mess, but serious damage to the floors, walls, windows, and doors.

“It was so hard when we went back to our house,” Maddie said. “All of my toys and stuffed animals were in my closet, and they got all wet and muddy.”

Disaster Response Services (DRS) volunteers from CRWRC (now known as World Renew) are working in Schoharie to help the Blands and other homeowners recover from Hurricane Irene as well as Tropical Storm Lee, which struck the same area just a few weeks later. These intense disasters left many residents who normally wouldn’t need flood insurance without adequate resources to recover.

“We were out of our home for six months,” said Derrie Bland, “and then the ‘green shirts’ came.” World Renew DRS volunteers are known for wearing green-colored shirts. “They’re always smiling, and they work so hard every day,” Bland adds. “I can’t wait to give back to others the way the green shirts gave to our family.” Clearly, Maddie agrees.

The difference that DRS volunteers are making in the lives of families today is visible at the Bland home and around Schoharie. But the difference being made in the lives of children and parents who experience the “super-amazing” love of Christ through service of DRS volunteers can change their hearts and lives now and for eternity. Will you help?

More than 3,100 volunteers donated their time and talents through World Renew to give children like Maddie a safe place to call home in 2012. Your offering on DRS Sunday in 2013 will help World Renew and these super-amazing volunteers reach thousands of families like the Blands to help them recover from natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, fires, and tornadoes. Please give generously through your gifts and offerings today, or give directly to World Renew DRS at any time using the information below.

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