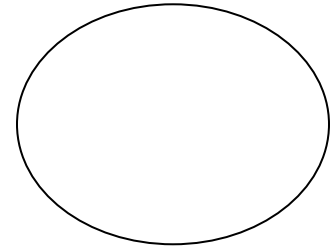
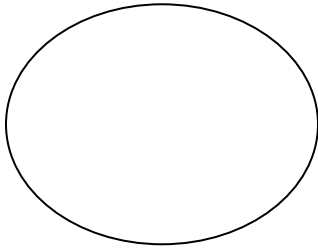


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September 22, 2005 to June 3, 2006

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National Baptist Laymen's Movement
Hurricane Katrina Work-Witness Report
September 22, 2005 to June 3, 2006

To: Dr. William J. Shaw, President
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

From: Harold L. Simmons

Hurricane Katrina struck the gulf coast area of the United States on August 29, 2005 with the eye of the storm hitting the coastal cities of Mississippi. This along with the flooding from the breached levies of New Orleans, LA has been called the most devastating and costly natural disaster in the history of the United States.

The property loss and human suffering was on all of our minds as we were in Atlanta, GA for our 125th Annual Session immediately following the storm. As recorded, at the Parent body Board meeting, Pastor C.S. Gordon, Jr. and Dr. Harry Blake gave testimonies to the devastation, the conditions of the people and what the churches were doing to provide shelter, clothes and food to those that had been displaced from their homes.

Immediately following the close of the session, we felt the burden to assist those in need by mobilizing the men and women of our convention with your direction and that of Reverend Charles Mock, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board.

Included in this report is our stewardship of our efforts that began on September 22, 2005 with an evaluation and assessment trip to the Mississippi with Pastor Jimmie Banks, president of the Baptist Minister's Union of Kansas City, Kansas & Vicinity.

Our efforts could not have been successful without the assistance of Dr. Jerry Young, president of the General Baptist State Convention, Reverend Larry Hawkins, Moderator of the Gulf Coast District Association, Brother MacArthur McGriggs, Mississippi Coordinator, Brother L. C. Mitchell, General Baptist Laymen President, Dr. Harry Blake, President of the Louisiana State Convention and Brother Charles Hunter, New Orleans Coordinator

As listed in this report, there have been numerous trips made to Mississippi and New Orleans, many teams of men and women from various parts of the United States and many homes and churches worked on, repaired and restored. We have rebuilt two houses, one in D'Iberville, MS and one in New Orleans, LA

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Workers

September 22, 2005

Rev. Jimmie Banks
Harold L. Simmons

October 10-17, 2005

Joseph Lee
Herman Howard

John McCormick
Javous Blanchard III

October 10-15, 2005

James Garrett
Paul Saunders
Vonzell McKamie

Anthony Slaughter
Harold L. Simmons

October 11-15, 2005

Alberta Byrd

Ruby Ellington

October 17-21, 2005

Eric Woods

October 29 – November 08, 2005

Chay Peterson
Brett Peterson
Marcus Lynch

Karl Greenblatt
Brad Patterson

October 31– November 11, 2005

James Garrett
Ruby Ellington

Yolanda Adams
Harold L. Simmons

November 1– 10, 2005

Kevin Fabian

November 2 – 5, 2005

Huey Thompson
Sixteen Men and Women accompanied Brother Thompson on an over the road bus.

November 7 – 12, 2005

Rev. Paul Jakes
Rev. L.K. Curry
K.C.Allen
Albert Clayton
Rev. Rogers Jackson

Rev. Johnson
Tommy Westbrook
Rev. CharlieTownsel
Deacon Jackson
Leroy Wally

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Workers

Leon McKinney Brother Porter
Ten Brothers and Sisters accompanied these Pastors on an over the road bus.

November 7 – 20, 2005

Jim Jackson Zack Booth
Lester Whitt Richard Clanagan

December 5 – 10, 2005

Rev. Gene Armstrong Glenn Miller
Elaine Armstrong Andrew Gilmore

January 9-14, 2006

James Jackson Greg Haus
Rev. Craig Giles Donna Jones
Gerald Childs DeRay Cole

January 29 – February 4, 2006

Joseph Lee Kevin Fabian Ruby Ellington Doris W. Simmons
John McCormick Charles Hubert Yolanda Adams Lynn McKinnis
Preston Foresett James Garrett Harold L. Simmons

March 6-10, 2006

James Jackson Lee Haney
Rev. Craig Giles Eric Dunn
Greg Haus Lisa Dunn
Lee Haney

Robert Morris College Students:

Sheena Boulding	Stephanie Bruner	Rhonda Bryant
Aaron Cook	Anthony Cook	Kristin Crable
Melissa Demarco	Marques Dexter	Abigail Grasinger
Christopher Hutter	Sarah McDonald	Coreene Ribeiro
Matthew Stagl	Aviance Taylor	Justin Vita
Adam Woodford	Andrew Zeffiro	

March 8– 12, 2006

James Garrett Vonzell McKamie Paul Saunders
Ruby Ellington Harold L. Simmons
Yolanda Adams Lynn McKinnis

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Workers

March 9–12, 2006

Michael Washington	Abner Wallace	Eunice Pruitt	John Dunn
Thaddeus Camp	Noel Roach	Amos Lofton	Ruth Dunn
Willie Briscoe	George Parrish	David Jones	Rev. Ronnie Walker
William Williams	A.J. Byrd	Mary Jones	David Moore
Moses McNeese	Charles Riley	Henderson Hill	
Joe Hammonds	Melvin Turner	Linda Hill	
John Hammonds	Eugene Turner	Gina Lightsey	
Donnie Mays	Nettie Turner	Levorn Robinson	
Tony Mays	Dan Wilkes	Toriel Wise	

March 12–17, 2006

Rev. Rogers Jackson	Donald Johnson	George Parrish
Rev. Paul Jakes	Tommy Westbrook	Leon McKenzie
Rev. Charley Townsel	Leroy Wiley	
K. C. Allen	Ricord Jackson	
Albert Clayton	Thomas Long	

April 25 – 29, 2006

James Garrett	Vonzell McKamie	Harold L. Simmons	John McCormick
Ruby Ellington	Doris Simmons	Greg Take	Thaddeus Camp
Kirk Sharp	Eugene Turner	Reggie Jackson	Ronnie Walker
James Thompson	James Jackson		

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Mississippi

Article To *The Voice*

September 22, 2005 – January 13, 2005

Hurricane Katrina that struck the gulf area of the United States on August 29th, the eye of the storm hitting the coastal cities of Mississippi, was America's most devastating and costly natural disaster in its history.

The property loss and human suffering was on each delegate's mind that attended the 125th annual session of the NBCUSA, Inc. convening in the city of Atlanta, GA. Persons attending the laymen's sessions from Mississippi and New Orleans gave testimonies to the devastation witnessed and made appeals for help and assistance for those left homeless and without the necessary resources for basic needs.

On his return from Atlanta, national laymen president Harold Simmons set in motion for the laymen to respond.

First Hand Assessment

On September 22nd president Simmons along with Rev. Jimmie Banks, pastor of the Strangers Rest Baptist Church of Kansas City, KS and president of the Baptist Minister's Union of Kansas City, Kansas and Vicinity flew to the gulf area of Mississippi to get a first hand view of the plight of the people of southern Mississippi and to get an assessment of their needs. This trip gave Simmons personal knowledge of the conditions on the ground in Mississippi and gave him an opportunity to speak with the state convention and district association leadership what the area's immediate needs were. Simmons made the statement after touring the cities of Biloxi, Gulfport and Pascagoula, *"the pictures on TV doesn't tell half the story of the devastation"*.

A Clarion Call Sent Out

On President Simmons return from the site visit, he sent out a clarion call to all national laymen across the country to join him in Mississippi to assist in the restoration of person's homes and churches. For teams to be formed based off of men and women's work schedule to create a five week effort where one team would follow an exiting team after a week of work.

Work Teams Are A Laymen Tradition

Forming work teams for mission work is nothing new for the National Baptist Laymen. Since 1976 the laymen have formed what they call work-witness ministry teams to do home and foreign work. The laymen have traveled to Africa in 1976, 1982, 1988, 1994 and 1997 to repair the convention's mission stations and churches.

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At home, the laymen work teams have made repairs to the National Baptist Youth Camp and Senior Retreat near Constantine, MI, in 1980, built a Men's Dormitory at Natchez College in Natchez, MS, in 1987, general repairs at American Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN in 1994, 1996, 1997 and Western Baptist Bible College in Kansas City, Mo. in 1995.

Work In Mississippi

The work by the laymen in Mississippi was done in four cities, Gulfport, Biloxi, D'Iberville and Pascagoula. The local laymen who was working under the leadership of Rev. Larry Hawkins, Moderator of the Gulf Coast District

...Katrina Relief cont'd

Association and Dr. Jerry Young, president of the General Baptist State Convention of Mississippi and serving as the project coordinator was MacArthur McGriggs.

McGriggs coordinated nine work teams. He was responsible to receive them on their arrival, take care of their lodging, transport them where they were needed, provide the necessary tools and see to their meals.

The nine work teams with men from four to fifteen started arriving the week of October 10th and were from Kansas City, KS (2), Huntsville, AL, Chicago, IL, Southern California, Las Vegas, NV (2), South Carolina, and Canton/Jackson, MS (2).

The flooding that was caused by the hurricane rose as high as six feet in most houses. Therefore damaging all contents in basements and on first levels. Of all the work done over a five-week period, the teams worked on twenty-seven houses and three churches. The churches were the First Missionary Baptist Church in Biloxi, the First Baptist Church of Handboro and the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church of Gulfport.

The work done in the houses and churches were removing all contents due to the flooding that included large appliance items, carpeting, sheet rock, insulation, furniture and personal items. Also two houses had their roofs repaired.

One House Rebuilt

There was one home of one of Mississippi's most dedicated and faithful laymen who's home was completely rebuilt by the work teams. This home was adopted by the National Baptist Laymen to be completely rebuilt. The home was reframed, completely rewired to code, new plumbing along with fixtures installed, windows replaced, new heating and cooling units, new roof and new paint job.

Not only did these teams under the auspicious of the National Baptist Laymen come to donate their time and skills, but they also brought materials with them to use in their projects and donate to the local residents. They also brought cash donations that they gave to the local churches to distribute to their members in need.

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Mississippi Overall Report
February 20 – June 3, 2006

February 20 – 27, 2006	Second Baptist – Las Vegas Cleared 4 homes Cash Donation - \$500.00	84 Man hours	4 Days \$1,050.00
February 27 – 28, 2006	William Cobbs – Houston, TX Home Repairs	35 Man hours	4 Days \$437.50
March 13 – 17, 2006	Emmanuel Baptist Church, Chicago, IL 7-Men - Cleared 5 homes Donated 300 Sheets of Plywood		4 Days \$4,900.00
	Triumph Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA Friendship Baptist Church, Pontiac, MI 1- home repaired Donated Home Depot Card-Charged	80 Man hours	5 Days 5 Days \$2,000.00 \$2,700.00
March 20 – 24, 2006	Kansas City, KS Volunteers 5 - Men & Women 4 – homes cleared and repairs Donated \$1, 250.00 Cash	160 Man hours	4 Days \$2,400.00
	Emmanuel Baptist Church, Chicago, IL 5 – Men 3 – homes cleared and repairs Donated \$500.00 Cash to 2 churches	160 Man hours	4 Days \$2,400.00
April 3 – 7, 2006	Missouri State Laymen 3 – Men Electrical Work – 3 – homes wired Donated Home Depot Card – Charged	96 Man hours	4 Days \$2,400.00
April 18 – 21, 2006	3 – Men 1 – home wired Donated Home Depot Card - \$115.00 charged	96 Man hours	4 Days \$2,400.00
	Triumph Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA 9 – Men 3 – homes cleared and repairs 14 – Robert Morris University Students 6 – homes cleaned	144 Man hours	2 Days \$2,160.00 5 Days \$2,040.00

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New Orleans and Biloxi

Monday – Nov. 7th

Brother Clayton work with Rev. Johnson taking down a wall and did some plywood work. Brother K.C. tore down a garage and tore down dry wall at Mrs. Davis' house. We built a wall, installation, and made a counter.

Tuesday – Nov. 8th

We built a wall with siding, and he did facing for the back of a garage. KC Allen carried bricks from and put dry wall up. We tore down a porch, tore down dry wall. We worked with Ms. Sharpe putting in doors and taking out windows

Wednesday - Nov. 9th

We completed the task of dry walling thirty-one sheets. The team also did electrical and plumbing and installed gas line. Several walls were tore out and restored.

Thursday – Nov. 10th

We provided service with demolition in the New Orleans area. Deacon Brown worked beside brother Clayton with this project and by cleaning out a house. Also we installed a circuit breaker.

New Orleans – April 24 – 29, 2006

By: Charles Hunter

This was a joint effort by the Louisiana State Laymen and the National Baptist Laymen.

- Five houses were gutted
- Three houses were cleaned and debris removed
- Two houses had electrical wiring installed
- Two house had insulation installed
- Carpentry work was performed on three houses

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(April 24- 29, 2006 cont'd)

This is the meeting where President Harold Simmons met Mr. Herbert Gettridge, Sr., 82, who lived in the Lower 9th Ward. President Simmons committed to rebuilding his house.

New Orleans Overall Report

June 1, 2006

**President Harold L. Simmons
National Baptist Laymen's Movement
1712 North 80th Street
Kansas City, KS 66112**

President Simmons,

We, the Louisiana Baptist Laymen, have been blessed to host numerous work and witness teams consisting of our brothers and sisters from around the country. Dr Harry Blake, President of the Louisiana Baptist State Convention, has been and continues to be very supportive of our efforts and we thank him.

We are very grateful to you for your vision, concern and love for the people of New Orleans. With your help, we have accomplished the following. The dollar amount in the brackets is what the costs would have been, if it were not for the Laymen.

- 1. We have cleaned and gutted 17 houses. (\$68,000)**
- 2. We have completed the wiring in 5 houses. (\$50,000)**
- 3. We have installed insulation in 2 houses. (\$5,000)**
- 4. We have installed sheetrock in 1 house. (\$10,000)**
- 5. We have completed the flooring in 1 house. (\$10,000)**
- 6. The Louisiana Laymen have spent (\$19,500) hosting.**

Please express our heart felt thanks to Dr William J. Shaw for his support.

I Am,

Charles Wayne Hunter

**cc: Dr Harry Blake
Dr William J. Shaw**

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Personal Letters, Comments and Diaries

Hi Harold & Thad -

In response to your request for a "summary" of our trip to the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, here are my comments relative to that trip during the weeks of November 7th - 20th:

- Deacon Lester Whitt, a long-time friend and fellow GM Retiree and I were similarly moved by the loss experienced by our brothers & sisters in the disaster areas, as seen on TV. We both were convicted & committed to help out financially, but that didn't seem to be enough. So we collaborated about going to the area through the Red Cross or similar organization. The Red Cross classes were filled & I was put on a waiting list for training. In the meantime, one of our friends in the Michigan State Layman's Association sent us an email indicating that President Harold Simmons was putting together a Team of volunteers to assist in the Mississippi area. So we both signed up to go together to work as a "team".
- Upon arriving at the airport in Gulfport, we were met by our gracious host, Deacon MacArthur McGriggs of the First Missionary Baptist Church in Biloxi and also of the Mississippi Chapter of the Layman's Association who coordinated the relief effort in this area.
- Housing accommodations were setup for us to reside at the home of Deacon Artis Cook, also of the same affiliations. Deacon Cook, unlike most of the people in that area, lost everything with the exception of the 2nd story of his 2-story house. The lower level had been completely flooded out and subsequently "gutted." His home was the major "safe-house" on his street to which 17-18 people took refuge during the storm and consequently survived!
- We were assigned to work on the following projects during our stay:
 - Refurbished a donated building to serve as a "temporary" church for their congregation, pending teardown & rebuilding of the old church. We built a Pulpit, installed new doors, repaired ceiling & walls and prepped it for painting.
 - Replaced & repaired 5-door assemblies, wall repairs and installed door & window trim moldings in Mr. D'Willie's "project" home.
 - Installed a porch and handicap ramp onto a FEMA supplied house trailer for Mrs. Bush, a spry 99-yr. old "mother of the church". She hugged & kissed us and was truly grateful!
 - Revived & reconditioned a huge supply of water-damaged tools of Deacon Cook. With the help of a supply of "diesel fuel", we were able to "bring back to life" or salvage about 90% of a large assortment of electrical & mechanical machine tools.
 - At Deacon McGriggs home, we installed outdoor siding, interior doors and floor moldings.
 - Finally, we assisted with the unloading of trucks of donated food, water, clothing & supplies from an organization from St. Louis.
- My "personal mission statement" is Serving God through serving others" and while I went on this missionary journey to give of my time, talents & resources; I in-turn was truly blessed by the "Godly Spirit" and perseverance of His people. People who had lost everything, but yet were praising God for sparing their lives and for sending so many compassionate people to their rescue. Believe me when I say that I was overwhelmed by the enormous devastation all around me, but I was even more overwhelmed by the "awesome" faith of these people! As Christians, we are supposed to be a "peculiar people" -in this world, but not of this world. Our hope is built on nothing less than of Jesus' blood & righteousness - that's why we can smile in the mist of our trials & tribulations and not be bound by our circumstances! Praise God!
- In closing, I want to commend Deacons McGriggs & Cook; two of the finest deacons I have ever met. These men spent 90% of their time serving unselfishly & working hard providing for the needs of their parishioners and fellow citizens. In addition, they went out of their way to provide Bro. Lester & myself with extraordinary hospitality during our stay. We ate, fellowshiped and worshiped with them the entire time. I was truly impressed and cherish our newfound friendship!!!

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May God bless you in your continued efforts of leadership in this endeavor and in the good work of the National Layman's Association. I will be contacting you shortly about another team of men (4) from my church that will be donating a week in January along with some needed building materials.

May the "peace of God" abide with us all.

Deacon Jim Jackson

To President Harold Simmons:

The National Baptist Laymen's Movement under the leadership of President Harold Simmons continues the on-going project of assisting our Brothers and Sisters in the Gulf Region. On March 9-12, 2006, President Simmons made a special call to the men and women supporters of the National Baptist Laymen's Movement to join him for a Work-Witness Mission, to help rebuild, repair and restore the homes of our brothers and sisters in New Orleans, Louisiana.

During this three day mobilization of man & woman power from Mississippi, Kansas, Iowa, Wyoming, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. A group of volunteers were able to remove, tear out, gut out 10 homes. There was also electrical repair work done in some of the homes. Since this first week of work in New Orleans, we have completed 14 homes. The average cost to contract this type of work to a homeowner is about \$2500 - \$3000; volunteers have been able to do that work.

We were very appreciative of the Host Church during that week, the New Zion Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor C.S. Gordon, Jr. They did an excellent job of being our host. Many of the volunteers were able to attend service on Sunday morning to support President Simmons who was the Men's Day Speaker.

Michael Washington

President, Michigan Wolverine Laymen

From: "Jim, Avis or Sean Jackson" <jimmyjack@zoominternet.net>

Subject: Gulfport Mississippi/Triumph Baptist/Robert Morris Trip

Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2006 15:33:33 -0500

Bro. Harold Simmons

Thanks again for your kind words of gratitude & encouragement to our group in New Orleans last Thursday. It was truly a blessed event for our Robert Morris University students & supporters! I am certain that they will all take your advice to "tell the story". As we offered, one or two students and I will plan to attend your National Convention in September to report out on our trip. We hope to have the "documentary footage" that our students filmed during that time to show at the convention.

Please inform me of those dates at your earliest convenience and keep me informed accordingly. Thanks! And of course, Malesia Dunn (Eric's wife) was there for a couple days. As a matter of fact, they decided to celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary by helping out in Gulfport! Praise God! We were all blessed by the experience!

God Bless,

Brother James A. Jackson

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To: Dr.J.V.A. Winsett
From: Deacon Mose McNeese
Subject: Recruitment for New Orleans
Date: March 19, 2006

Reverend, once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve. That trip will always be a part of our lives and Christian experience. Just some thoughts as to what is next for Ebenezer in this venture. I know I will be redundant because your vision has already gone ahead of us in this effort.

Within the Church, there are so many ways to go. Just a general recruitment call would get some volunteers, but I would think the Men's Ministry would also be a logical place to start-and let's not forget the Women's Ministry who could also bring a load of talent and zeal to this effort. The Youth Group could certainly bring the type of intensive labor needs that are so sorely missing in New Orleans-I'm thinking of a summer effort especially modeled around the College students that would be returning for summer vacation.

As we move outside of the Church, a united effort with the Laymen of the AUBA would seem to be a natural or any other local coalition that you would deem appropriate. Of course the genesis of the project, with a big push from the Laymen of the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention is paramount to follow upon. If I can be of service, please let me know. I will be retiring in the month of April and with God's blessings upon my health, I would look forward to that challenge.

There are so many things on the tactical end that the group would love to suggest and discuss for whomever goes the next time. The Mississippi effort can be service every weekend between now the end of May-I sure they are developing plans to keep going. The Laymen's effort in New Orleans can only seem to support groups about twice a month. The size of the teams and mode of travel should be considered and planned.

I am going to stop because this is a discussion that is best done face to face.

Yours in Christ!!!

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By Mose McNeese

THURSDAY-MARCH 9, 2006

We left from Pittsburgh International Airport at 6:40 a.m. with a connecting flight to Memphis, Tenn. and then on to New Orleans at 10:45 a.m. No major problems-both flights were a bit bumpy but nothing unusual. After claiming our baggage, it was time to look for our local host-no one was there. Now I must say that prior to the trip the only name and phone number we were given for contact was the President of the National Baptist Laymen's Movement, Mr. Harold Simmons. We were unsuccessful in getting him to return our phone calls however he had spoken with our Pastor with the message for us to "Come On". Thus we did. After approximately a 15 minute wait, I noticed another gentleman in the waiting area with the same obvious look and anticipation, so I introduced myself and found out his name was John Hammonds of Columbus, Ohio who was there looking for the same thing. We all walked outside one more time and there was a van with sign on it from the Louisiana Laymen's Assn. This was our first meeting with one of our local hosts, Mr. Cornelius Dumas, of the 2nd Street Baptist Church.

We all piled into the van and off we went to the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, which was to be the host Church for our venture. When we got there the entire group that was to be working for the weekend was returning for lunch. There were approximately 75 people gathered in the dining area. We met 23 students and 4 counselors from Robert Morris College in Moon Township that were there on their spring break volunteering their time and efforts. Oh, by the way, Pastor Winsett, Rev Giles from the Triumph Church of Sewickley, sends his regards-he was associated with this group. About this time John Hammonds who had ridden with us from the airport, met his brother Joe Hammonds from Newport News, Va. who was there for the same reason.

We were starved about this time, so the other local host, Mr. Charles Hunter from New Zion ordered lunch for us. The lunches during this trip were all catered from a local restaurant, Gregory & Pete's. "When in Rome, Do as the Romans", so I'm going Southern and Cajun all the way. First meal for me-Fried Shrimp!!! Don't tell Sis. Mc Neese, but I was on my medicine and off my diet the whole trip. While we waited for our various orders, Deacon Harold Simmons of the 8th Street Baptist Church in Kansas City Kansas arrived. While eating lunch, we basically had a Workshop on the Role of Strong Men in the Church-led by Bro. Simmons. After lunch, we assumed we would go to the Hotel and check in WRONG. This was the beginning of a pattern that was to continue throughout the weekend. WHEN THOSE PEOPLE FEED YOU, THEY EXPECT YOU TO WORK.

We changed clothes at the Church and went to our first assignment of the weekend. We were to finish up on the 2nd building for a Nursery School run by one of the members of Mt. Zion. The students from Robert Morris College completed the first building in the morning. Let me just take a moment to talk about the how the work is chosen for these volunteer efforts. There is an Assn of Baptist Churches in the New Orleans that submits a list of structures to be worked on. Right now the list is well over a hundred houses or buildings. The owners either have no insurance and "little" insurance. All of these structures have had severe water damage and mold. We are expected to the strip the units down to the studs and deposit all furnishings and demolition material to the curb for pick up by the City of New Orleans (Lord only knows when that will be). Some of the units have not been opened and certainly not occupied since the initial flooding. After gutting the interiors, a team of electricians then rewired the buildings and returned them to the owners to complete whatever repair work is necessary to reoccupy the structures. This could be a savings from a minimum of 2 to 3 thousand dollars and up to 10 thousand dollars depending on the size and degree of difficulty to extricate the materials. We completed the work on the second building in about 3 hours of hard labor. The owner was there when we finished and we had to drag ourselves away, not only because she wouldn't stop thanking us, but also because we were very tired.

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We went back to the Church for dinner-Red Beans & Rice, Hot Sausage, Salad, and Dessert. Finally to the Hotel-The Sun Suites for Check In around 8:30 p.m. I bunked with Abner Wallace and Noel Roach; after hot showers and various phone calls, we were ready for bed.

HOLD IT!!! THERE IS A PITT-WEST VA. BASKETBALL GAME ON

FRIDAY-MARCH 10, 2006

BY THE WAY, PITT BEAT WEST VA. -We saw the scores on Sports Center because none of us made it to the end of the game. Pick up at the Hotel was supposed to be at 7:00 a.m. but there was not enough transportation for everyone. By the time some of us got to the job sites it was after 10:00a.m. We went back to the Church for lunch and immediately afterwards took our first and only tour of the weekend. We went to the 9th Ward to see where most of the destruction had taken place as a result of the Hurricane Katrina. Thus far everything we had seen and worked on was overwhelming to us. A typical block where we worked would have a total of 20 houses on counting both sides of the street-of those 20 only five or six would be salvageable. It was those five or six that we concentrated our efforts. In the 9th Ward, closest to where the levee broke, there was nothing to be gutted and rebuilt. For at least 8 to 10 Blocks Square, everything will have to be demolished, cleared and redeveloped. It is as if a bomb went off in the area. Brother Dumas grew and up in the 9th Ward and he took us to the house of his youth. There was only a foundation on an empty lot. We then walked one block away toward the south and he showed us what the remains of the house he grew up in. Cars were piled up like matchsticks. This was not wind damage-this was water damage. Repair work was still going on at the levee. Will it be ready in time for the upcoming Hurricane season? Who knows!!!

We went to the house of a Deacon Terry from New Zion Baptist Church. Since the storm he had been living with his daughter in a suburb of New Orleans. He was just returning from a dialysis treatment when we met at the house. He sat in a chair on the side of the house as we were doing our work. He was obviously exhausted from the treatment but I also think he was emotionally exhausted as he saw all of the memories of his life being torn apart and discarded at the curve. He must have been a leader of the community because what few people and families that was still able to live in the neighborhood came by to wish him well and to uplift his spirit. I will always remember him saying, "I don't know how to thank you" to everyone that passed by him no matter how many times you passed by. The women in our crew were especially good at consoling him and renewing his spirits. Let me digress and talk about the women. We had two working crews of approximated 30 to 35 people. After they finished the 2 teams of electricians of about 5 people each would do the rewiring. Our work team had about 7 women on it; they worked toe-to-toe, hammer-to-hammer, crow bar to crow bar and yes sledgehammer to sledgehammer alongside of us. I spoke with Reverend while down there and one of the questions he wanted an answer for was, "Is there a place for women there" The answer is a resounding, yes. I remember as a child how I liked to tear up things or take them apart; well New Orleans is the place for you. We finished up on Bro. Terry's house about 6:30 p.m. Man, did we finish!!! We had a big ole prayer session right in the street. GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME,

Back to the Church for dinner, Fried Catfish-New Orleans style; no tartar sauce; no hot sauce either-it was cooked with cayenne pepper, baked macaroni, salad, bread. Dessert wasn't the best. The sisters were falling down on the job because there was 'store bought' cake-probably from Wal-Mart or Sam's. Extra pieces were worth taking back to the Hotel however; it wasn't that bad!

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SATURDAY-MARCH 11, 2006

Today will be our last working day. Bro Hunter said that even in New Orleans, they will give us one day of rest-Sunday. We started with devotion at Church so you know we were ready to work. Upon leaving I got separated from my Ebenezer Brethren and wound up in the car of a Rev. Walker from South Carolina. He also had the Brothers Hammond with him (John and Joe). We went to the house of a Sis. Sanders from 2nd Street Baptist. She lived some 35 miles out of the City with relatives but once she heard we were there she made it in about 20 minutes. She came with a cooler of bottled water and pop for everyone. Turns out she has relatives here in the Hill District of Pittsburgh, so Reverend you know I have her address and theirs and we will be hearing from her again. Once again after 3 to 4 hours of hard work, we finished to the tears and thank you from Sis. Sanders.

On our way back to Church for lunch, we happened to strike up a gospel song or two to pass away the time. You know Rev. Walker had to pull over for a minute or two. I want you to know Ebenezer that I 'represented well'. I was not about to let the word get back around the country that we didn't know how to sing and Praise the Lord. My bass was just as good as those tenors and baritone.....AND ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD!!!

After lunch we were back to our last house of the day. It is fitting that the house we ended up with represented the conditions that are more likely the case than not. After emptying the house of all the possessions-which took approximately 2 hours, we then begin to try and gut it. The mold was so overwhelming, that no one person was able to work more than 10 to 15 minutes without coming out for air even with the protective masks. After doing one room, it was also obvious that this house had major structural damage. No amount of clean up or stripping would help. We called the one of the local coordinators to inspect it and he agreed it was futile to go any further. We packed our tools and returned to Church. Dinner was outstanding-baked chicken, green beans and potatoes, salad and a dessert to be remembered-homemade bread pudding served with canned peaches on top. NOW THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!!

SUNDAY-MARCH 12, 2006

The last day of the trip and we are anxious to get started-both to get to Church and to get home. It is Men's Day at New Zion!!! Bro Cornelius Dumas picked us up at 9:00 a.m. at the Hotel after our final check out. His home Church, 2nd Street Baptist-which was damaged by flooding during Katrina, was worshipping across town at another Church (We know how they feel-GOD BLESS YOU HILLCREST)

Men's Day at New Zion started with a Prayer Meeting Service from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. The theme was "Christian Men-Uniting in Prayer" There were a series of Scripture Readings by the Deacons and Brothers of the Church with special prayers for the Church and the Government, Specific Prayers Requests, and Prayers of Thanksgivings.

The morning service began at 10:55 am. We were looking forward to this service because Brother Harold Simmons was supposed to be the speaker. The Men were in charge from start to finish in the service-Praise Service, Choir and the Pulpit. The Men's Choir was particularly outstanding. I spoke with the Choir Director after the services and he pointed out to me that the Choir only had 2 rehearsals before the Services-as the Director; he commutes 5 hours each week from Houston, TX to practice. You wouldn't know it from the performance. I can only imagine that it would be like that "Heavenly Choir"-you would need any rehearsal!!!

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Brother Simmons or should I say "Reverend" then brought the message. A Hallelujah Time Was Had By All. Just a personal note-Brother Simmons, 'YOU CROSSED THE LINE'. All of us have a testimony of God's Goodness to us; and we can recite it each day. On this day God, gave you a message and for that we are grateful.

The services closed with words from the local Councilwoman of the District and of course, the Pastor, the Reverend C.S. Gordon. What a Day and what an experience!!!

Let me just take a moment to talk about our local hosts. Brother Charles Hunter would appear to be the local coordinator for the New Orleans trip. What a Dynamo!!! What a Joy!!! What a Christian Experience!!! He not only was on top of all of the site location arrangements but the meals included. His sense of humor made some of the hard times, easy. Brother Cornelius Dumas. Brother Dumas did you sleep in your van this weekend; between the picking up and the dropping off, I'm not sure if he got any sleep. (By the way, I will be back down some time on my own to talk to you about some fishing---they may have been just fishing stories, but I'm coming back to find out.

Let me take a moment to talk about 2 people in particular. Just a few words about my companions:

- *Brother Willie Briscoe-he worked in New Orleans just like he works at Ebenezer and we know how much he loves Ebenezer. He always wants things done the right way and made sure that they were.
- *Brother Abner Wallace-the "littles" man in the group, but the hardest worker. He is also in the best shape of all of us.
- *Brother Willie Williams-enjoyed his sense of humor. Whenever we were told we needed to be up at 7:00 a.m. or some ungodly hour, Brother Williams would always remind them, that he was retired and didn't wake each morning till at least 10:00 a.m. Yet we know who were the earliest riser and the steadiest worker
- *Brother Noel Roach-even on a "bum" knee, he never quit and was working on some development proposals with a contact from Penn Hills that he met on the airplane.

For yours truly, I thank God, Dr. J. and Ebenezer for giving me this opportunity to serve. This time last year I would not have been able to pick up a board or hammer and yet God has blessed and given me the strength to do his work.

FINAL THOUGHT

There is so much to be done. It will take years for New Orleans to get back to normal, if it ever does. Where do you start? Just like this Laymen effort-we start with one house at a time. We worked on only 10 houses while we were there for a total of three working days. Seventy-eight people from thirteen states all on one accord. It was just a beginning. We saw many humanitarian groups and similar efforts while there, but I would like to think that ours was a little different. That because we are a peculiar people. We are Christian. The ten families we may have touched while there gave us far more than we could have given them. It was not only their thank yous but also their understanding that we were doing God's work. Bless you Saints.

Humbly Submitted by,
Deacon Mose McNeese

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From: "**Ricord Jackson**" <ricjackson1029@hotmail.com>

Subject: Mission Trip to Mississippi and New Orleans

Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2006 13:14:09 -0600

Dear President Simmons:

I just wanted to say what a productive and worthwhile trip we had during the period of March 12 through 17, 2006. Rev. Paul Jakes and Rev. Rogers Jackson were a blessing to us in their leadership.

I wanted to relate something to you that happened while we were there. We had the pleasure of meeting Rev. Keith Thrash. He is the Pastor of Pass Road Baptist Church, which is located close to Rev. Sonny Adolph's church.

This man and his church have organized a Mission project to help those in need in the Gulfport / Biloxi area. His congregation he stated is 55% white, 35% black and 10% Hispanic. This man does not see 'color', if you know what I mean. His mission is to help those in need, whoever and wherever they may be.

They have a full-scale operation going on in their church, and their parking lot. On any given week, they have between 300 to 500 volunteers who they dispatch wherever needed. They have food facilities set up in their parking lot to feed upwards of 700 volunteers and workers.

He even has set up a clinic in his church. He has contacts with the city and state, and is housing those who are working in trailers, campers and in his church facilities.

He has skilled workers who are coming and going on a regular basis from all over the United States.

Between the multitude of college workers and these skilled trades people, they are able to accomplish great things.

I think it would be well worth it to meet with this man or someone who you may designate. This would be a blessing to our people located in the area and I believe this partnership and fellowship could speed up the relief and recovery efforts many times over.

I pray that you will investigate this blessed opportunity.

Ricord Jackson

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Date: Tue, 23 May 2006 11:31:21 -0400
From: **DeLana Hill** <delana.hill@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: New Orleans Katrina Relief
Good Morning President Simmons:

My time in New Orleans was a turning point in my life. To take in first hand the trials and tribulations Katrina (and political) survivors must endure was humbling. The first two days I was in New Orleans I assisted with the demolition of a duplex. Actually, it was more deconstruction then demolition because we were intentional in not compromising the framework of the homes. On the evening of the second day I went on a tour of the Lower Ninth Ward with Mr. Simmons and a handful of others. As we were leaving we happened upon an older gentlemen hanging pants on his fence to dry. We stopped to speak with him for a moment and found his name to be Mr. Herbert Gettridge. Mr. Gettridge had been living in his home without hot water, electricity and sewage system for eight weeks. Mrs. Gettridge was waiting impatiently in Wisconsin to return to New Orleans and her husband; however, Mr. Gettridge would not allow her to return until he had two rooms and a bath ready and waiting for her. Mr. Gettridge moved us in such a way as to return the following day and rewire his entire home as well as lay insulation. Interacting with Mr. Gettridge so inspired me that I made a personal pledge to assist in any way that I can. Meeting and interacting with Mr. Gettridge was a true blessing from God. Throughout my time in New Orleans, Mr. Gettridge was the only person I met whose home I assisted in rehabbing and to see his face shine with love and pride as he described his wife and family was awe inspiring. Mr. Gettridge and his wife are a testament of the strength of a love ordained by God. From this experience I have become empathetic to the plight of others and realize that in a heartbeat that everything you hold dear can be taken from you by no fault of your own. I thank God for the relief effort and the volunteers that have and will come from far and wide to offer their expertise and assistance.

God Bless,

DeLana Hill
Enon Baptist Church

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Lower 9th Ward Experience

President Simmons and part of the work witnessing team went to the lower 9th ward on Thursday, April 27 after a hard days work. They were blessed and intrigued after meeting a young man of 82 years that was living in his house, while houses on both sides and across the street were leaning or destroyed from the flood waters of the industrial canal break or breach.

News Paper Article

NO TIME TO RETIRE

82-year-old braves hardships to rebuild Lower 9th Ward shotgun

Thursday, April 27, 2006

By Gwen Filosa

Staff writer

At 82, Herbert Gettridge Sr. figures he can do what he likes with his Lower 9th Ward home.

"I built this with these two here," Gettridge said the other day, studying his outstretched palms while reluctantly taking a break from shoveling backyard topsoil into a wheelbarrow.

He heard the dirt may be toxic after soaking in the floodwaters that tore through his neighborhood eight months back. So he is removing it. By himself.

Gettridge built his shotgun home 54 years ago when the birth of his first daughter prompted him to move his family from a deteriorating 7th Ward neighborhood.

"I had four boys, but I couldn't raise a girl there," he said.

Fifty-four years later, his white stucco house stands tall among the ruins, a lone survivor in the 5000 block of North Roman Street.

Gettridge, a former merchant seaman, house builder and all-purpose working man who said he has yet to retire, is one of a half-dozen people living in the worst-hit part of the Lower 9th Ward: the lake side of North Claiborne Avenue, on the side where the Industrial Canal raged through the levee. There is no safe city water, limited electricity at best, and no word on just when a rebuilding plan will spring into action.

No matter, Gettridge said. He isn't going anywhere.

Instead, he has gutted and treated and cleaned his flooded house, mostly by himself but finally with help from Common Ground, a multi-service agency formed after Hurricane Katrina that has attracted volunteers from all over the country. The group, centered in Algiers, maintains a presence in a damaged house in the Lower 9th.

Once home to about 14,000 people, the Lower 9th Ward today is a vacant, lonely place adorned with only ruins, from the hollowed-out homes and rotting cars to the weeds growing wild.

Gettridge sleeps on a cot-like bed in a house that he tidies meticulously.

On the bed -- neatly made up the other day when a visitor stopped by without warning -- rests his black hardcover Bible. His kitchen is butane stove. Cans and boxes of food stand in orderly rows along crosspieces between wall studs, still exposed in the gutted house.

"I am very busy," Gettridge said. Even as he sat to talk, he kept stabbing at his back yard with the shovel. "I can't sit still. I never could."

From either side of Gettridge's porch, all one can see is destruction. The house next door was rocked off its foundation. A wooden chair is stuck up high on what was once a porch column, frozen in time as a constant reminder of when the Industrial Canal levee failed on Aug. 29, sending a tide of water hurtling to the east.

For the past six weeks, Gettridge has lived alone in his house. He left his ailing wife of 67 years in Madison, Wis., with a daughter, saying the city isn't safe for her. They talk on the phone every other night, but haven't laid eyes on one another since Christmas.

"She understands why I have to be here," Gettridge said. "We haven't been apart since World War II."

Gettridge built the house with lumber he bought from demolished Uptown homes. The lumber could be a century old, he said.

His driveway is crafted from decorative stone salvaged from a French Quarter renovation, then fractured and pieced back together like a jigsaw puzzle.

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"My grandfather taught me how to get by with less," said Gettridge, who was nattily dressed for his backyard shoveling in belted brown slacks and a clean white shirt over an undershirt.

As he worked, he spoke of his wife and children, and his days as a plasterer. When work dried up in New Orleans, he said, he would travel to Chicago, New York, wherever, to work and send money home. It was not uncommon for him to plaster all day in New Orleans and work all night on the riverfront.

Gettridge wants, and needs, no handouts. Asked about his insurance, he said, "That is my private business," but added: "After you give them money for 40 years, you catch hell getting your money."

No matter. His house is clean, mold-treated and on its way back. He is replacing his wood floors section by section.

Gettridge attends church every Sunday and takes in a parade when he can. Other than work, "my biggest thing is the prizefights and some cold beer. I belong to five different social aid and pleasure clubs," he said.

Before Katrina, his nine children lived nearby. Now they are scattered across the country.

A daughter in Baton Rouge has been urging her father to join her.

"She has everything I could need," Gettridge said. "I could be sitting there with a cold beer. I don't want to be out of it. This is home."

Gwen Filosa can be reached at gfilosa@timespicayune.com or (504) 826-3304.

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Gulfport/Biloxi/Pascagoula, Mississippi Area

10/10/05 – 10/17/05

Joseph Lee (Airline Ticket)	\$445.80
Herman Howard (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$445.80</u>
Make Check Payable to Second Baptist Church Las Vegas, NV	\$891.60
Make Check Payable to John McCormick (Airline Ticket)	\$445.80

10/10/05 – 10/15/05

James Garrett (Airline Ticket)	\$321.80
Paul Saunders (Airline Ticket)	\$321.80
Vonzell McKamie (Airline Ticket)	\$321.80
Anthony Slaughter (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$321.80</u>
Total Check to Eighth Street Baptist Church	\$1,287.20
Make Check Payable to Harold L. Simmons (Airline Ticket)	\$321.80

10/11/05 – 10/15/05

Alberta Byrd (Airline Ticket)	\$199.80
Ruby Ellington (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$199.80</u>
Make Check Payable to Eighth Street Baptist Church	\$399.60

10/17/05 – 10/21/05

Make Check Payable to Eric Woods (Gas Roundtrip Parshall, North Dakota)	\$500.00
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10/29/05 – 11/08/05

Chay Peterson (Gas Roundtrip from California, three men with her)	\$750.00
Brett Peterson (Airline Ticket)	\$212.00
Marcus Lynch (Airline Ticket)	\$212.00
Karl Greenblatt (Airline Ticket)	\$212.00
Brad Patterson (Airline Ticket, name changed from Wendy Hater \$50.00)	\$263.31

Gulfport/Biloxi/Pascagoula, Mississippi Area:

10/31/05 – 11/05/05

James Garrett (Airline Ticket)	\$264.81
Ruby Ellington (Airline Ticket)	\$264.81
Yolanda Adams (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$264.81</u>
Make Check Payable to Eighth Street Baptist Church	\$794.43
Make Check Payable to Harold L. Simmons (Airline Ticket)	\$289.80

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11/1/05 – 11/10/05

Kevin Fabian (Airline Ticket) \$414.80
Make Check Payable to Second Baptist Church Las Vegas, NV \$414.80

11/02/05 – 11/05/05

Make Check Payable to Huey Thompson \$750.00
(Gas for Bus Roundtrip from Huntsville, AL)
Sixteen Men and Women accompanied Brother Thompson on an
Over the Road Bus

11/07/05 – 11/12/05

Make Check Payable to Rev. Paul Jakes \$750.00
(Gas for Bus Roundtrip from Chicago, IL)
Rev. L.K. Curry, Rev. Rogers Jackson, and Ten Men accompanied
Pastor Jakes on the Bus.

11/07/05 – 11/20/05

James Jackson \$357.79
Lester Whitt \$357.79
Please Make Checks Payable To Individuals

Gulfport/Biloxi/Pascagoula, Mississippi Area:

12/05/05 – 12/10/05

Rev. Gene Armstrong
\$241.80
Elaine Armstrong \$241.80
Glenn Miller \$241.80
Andrew Gilmore \$241.80
Transaction Fee \$ 50.00
Total \$1,017.20
Please Make Check Payable to Rev. Gene Armstrong \$1,017.20

Gulfport/Biloxi/Pascagoula, Mississippi Area:

01/09/06 – 01/14/06

Rev. Craig L. Giles Donna Jones
Gerald Childs DeRay Cole
Greg Haus James Jackson
Total Airline Ticket Cost \$1,328.95
Please Make Check Payable To James Jackson

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01/29/06 – 02/04/06

Joseph Lee (Airline Ticket)	\$ 338.19
Kevin Fabian (Airline Ticket)	\$ 338.19
John McCormick (Airline Ticket)	\$ 338.19
Charles Hubert (Airline Ticket) - Cancel	\$ 357.14
Preston Forsett (Airline Ticket) - Cancel	<u>\$ 357.14</u>
Total (Make Check Payable to Second Baptist Church Las Vegas, NV)	\$1,728.85

Gulfport/Biloxi/Pascagoula, Mississippi and New Orleans, Louisiana Area

01/31/06 – 02/04/06

James Garrett (Airline Ticket)	\$205.20
Ruby Ellington (Airline Ticket)	\$205.20
Yolanda Adams (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$205.20</u>
Total (Make Check Payable to Eighth Street Baptist Church)	\$615.60

Harold L. Simmons (Airline Ticket)	\$205.20
Doris W. Simmons (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$205.20</u>
Total (Make Check Payable to Harold L. Simmons)	\$410.40

Lynn McKinnis (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$200.20</u>
Total (Make Check Payable To Lynn McKinnis)	\$200.20

Gulfport/Biloxi/Pascagoula, Mississippi and New Orleans, Louisiana Area

03/08/06 – 03/12/06

James Garrett (Airline Ticket)	\$266.20
Ruby Ellington (Airline Ticket)	\$266.20
Yolanda Adams (Airline Ticket)	\$266.20
Vonzell McKamie (Airline Ticket)	\$266.20
Harold Simmons (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$266.20</u>
Total (Make Check Payable To Eighth Street Baptist Church)	\$1,331.00

Lynn McKinnis (Airline Ticket)	\$170.20
(Changed Ticket To Stay Another Day)	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total (Make Check Payable To Lynn McKinnis)	\$270.20

03/09/06 – 03/12/06

Michael Washington (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$287.40</u>
Total (Please Make Check Payable To Michael Washington)	\$287.40

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Donnie Mays (Gas for Bus Roundtrip from Ridgeley, Tennessee)	\$750.00
Tony Mays Charles Riley Melvin Turner Eugene Turner	
Nettie Turner Dan Wilkes Eunice Pruitt Amos Lofton	
Total (Please Make Check Payable To Donnie Mays)	\$750.00

David Jones (Gas For Van/Trailer Roundtrip From Kansas City, Missouri)	\$750.00
Mary Jones Henderson Hill Linda Hill Gina Lightsey	
(Brought Materials/Tools From KC; Used Van for Transportation in City)	
Total (Please Make Check Payable To David Jones)	\$750.00

Levorn Robinson – Toriel Wise (Gas For Roundtrip From Waterloo, Iowa)	<u>\$350.00</u>
Total (Please make Check Payable To Levorn Robinson)	\$350.00

John Dunn – Ruth (Gas For Roundtrip From College Park, Georgia)	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total (Please Make Check Payable To John Dunn)	\$200.00

Rev. Ronnie Walker (Gas For Roundtrip From Goose Creek, S. C.)	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total (Please Make Check Payable To Rev. Ronnie Walker)	\$250.00

03/09/06 – 03/12/06

David Moore (Gas For Roundtrip From West Valley, Utah–3,478 Miles)	<u>\$350.00</u>
Total (Please Make Check Payable To David Moore)	\$350.00

03/06/06 – 03/10/06

James Jackson (Airline Ticket)	\$318.20
Rev. Craig Giles (Airline Ticket)	\$318.20
Greg Haus (Airline Ticket)	\$318.20
Lee Haney (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$318.20</u>
Total (Please Make Check Payable To James Jackson)	\$1272.80

Eric Dun (Airline Ticket, Accompanied Above Group)	<u>\$471.20</u>
Total (Please Make Check Payable To Eric Dunn)	\$471.20
(Only Asked Payment For One Ticket, Paid For Wife)	

**Above Group Accompanied By Students From Robert Morris College.
Robert Morris College Paid For Students Travel, we supplied housing and food:**

Sheena Boulding	Stephanie Bruner	Rhonda Bryant
Aaron Cook	Anthony Cook	Kristin Crable
Melissa Demarco	Marques Dexter	Abigail Grasinger
Christopher Hutter	Sarah McDonald	Coreene Ribeiro
Matthew Stagl	Aviance Taylor	Justin Vita
Adam Woodford	Andrew Zeffiro	

(The Entire Above Group From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; James Jackson Coordinator)

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George Parrish (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$393.59</u>
Total (Please Make Check Payable To George Parrish)	\$393.59

03/12/06 – 03/17/06

Rev. Rogers Jackson (Airline Ticket)	Leroy Wiley (Airline ticket)	
Rev. Paul Jakes (Airline Ticket)	Ricord Jackson (Airline Ticket)	
Rev. Charley Townsel (Airline Ticket)	Thomas Long (Airline Ticket)	
K. C. Allen (Airline Ticket)	Leon Mckenzie (Airline Ticket)	
Albert Clayton (Airline Ticket)	Flight To Jackson, MS, Van Rental	\$596.06
Donald Johnson (Airline Ticket)		
Tommy Westbrook (Airline Ticket)		
Total (Please Make Check Payable To Rev. Rogers Jackson)		\$3,652.96

The **total flight cost** is **\$3,056.90**
The **van rental** not including insurance \$ **596.06** for five days.
THESE CHARGES WERE CREDITED TO MY CREDIT CARD.

Gulfport/Biloxi/Pascagoula, Mississippi and New Orleans, Louisiana Area

03/09/06 – 03/12/06

Thaddeus Camp (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$470.00</u>
Total (Please Make Check Payable To Second Baptist Church)	\$470.00
Sent By Second Baptist Church Las Vegas, NV	

Willie Briscoe (Airline Ticket)	\$460.20
William Williams (Airline Ticket)	\$460.20
Moses McNeese (Airline Ticket)	\$460.00
Abner Wallace (Airline Ticket)	\$460.20
Noel Roach (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$460.20</u>
Total (Please Make Check Payable To Ebenezer Baptist Church)	\$2,326.00
Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention sent these Men	
Dr. J. Van Alfred Winsett, President	

03/10/06 – 03/12/06

Paul Saunders (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$485.20</u>
Total (Please Make Check Payable To Eighth Street Baptist Church)	\$485.20
Sent By Eighth Street Baptist Church Kansas City, Kansas	

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03/09/06 – 03/12/06

John Hammonds (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$287.20</u>
Total (Please Make Check Payable To John Hammonds)	\$287.20

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04/25/06 – 04/29/06

James Garrett (Airline Ticket)	\$232.69
Ruby Ellington (Airline Ticket)	\$232.69
Vonzell McKamie (Airline Ticket)	\$232.69
Doris Simmons (Airline Ticket)	\$258.70
Harold Simmons (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$232.69</u>
Total (Make Check Payable To Eighth Street Baptist Church) (Yolanda Adams did not make the trip)	\$1,189.46

Greg Take (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$299.70</u>
Total (Make Check Payable To Greg Take)	\$299.70

Kirk Sharp (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$195.20</u>
Total (Make Check Payable To Kirk Sharp)	\$195.20

Eugene Turner (Gas For Van)	<u>\$237.02</u>
Total (Make Check Payable To Good Hope Baptist Church)	\$237.02

Reggie Jackson (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$232.71</u>
Total (Make Check Payable To Reggie Jackson)	\$232.71

John McCormick (Airline Ticket)	\$310.20
Thaddeus Camp (Airline Ticket)	<u>\$310.20</u>
Total (Make Check Payable To Second Baptist Church)	\$620.40

Rev. Ronnie Walker (Gas For Roundtrip From Goose Creek, S.C.)	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total (Please Make Check Payable To Rev. Ronnie Walker)	\$250.00

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James Thompson (Gas For Roundtrip From Northwoods, Missouri)	<u>\$606.64</u>
Total (Make Check Payable To James Thompson)	\$606.64

(James Thompson has a truck filled with tools and he has made a commitment to come once a month to work in the Katrina Areas. He is an Electrician who has his own business.)

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Jim Jackson (Gas For Roundtrip From Seven Fields, PA)	<u>\$125.93</u>
Total (Make Check Payable To Jim Jackson)	\$125.93

Disaster Relief Offering – Annual Session- Atlanta, GA

New Era District, KCMO – Luther Lewis, President	\$500.00
Richard Showers, Sr., Huntsville, AL	\$1,000.00
Arizona State Laymen, David Sanders, President	\$100.00
Alvin Moore, Montgomery, AL	\$100.00
Glen Chelf, Mt. Olive Baptist State Convention	\$100.00
Edward Mayberry, Kansas State Laymen	\$100.00
Various Cash Contributors	\$1,000.00
William and Lela Stallings, Tomball, TX	\$100.00
Michael Washington, President, Michigan Wolverine State Laymen	\$150.00
Gene Jones, National Laymen King, Hutchinson, KS	\$50.00
Richard L. Nichols, Sr., Houston, TX	\$25.00
George Parrish, President, Western States Colorado/Wyoming	\$50.00
Leno Blue, President, Missouri State Laymen	\$50.00
Delester E. Jefferson, St. Louis, MO	\$25.00
Sara L. Dogan, Wake Forest, NC	\$50.00
Curley C. Jones, Salt City, UT	\$50.00
Willie and Corine Burke, Edison, NJ	\$25.00
Edwin M. Hughes, Topeka, KS	\$50.00
Sandra J. McCormick, Topeka, KS	\$10.00
Edward Mayberry, Hutchinson, KS	\$100.00
Herman Norwood, Ottawa, KS	\$100.00
John S. Calloway, Wichita, KS	\$100.00
Jessie L. Bess, Kansas City, KS	\$100.00
Clifford Jones, Kansas City, KS	\$100.00
Ledgie D. Hill,	\$100.00
St. James Missionary Baptist Church, Wichita, KS	\$100.00