

NEW ORLEANS

America's Unresolved Disaster



Hurricane Katrina was one of the most destructive hurricanes in history. Two levee breaches sent water from Lake Pontchartrain, coursing through the eastern part of New Orleans, and 53 additional breaches were eventually noted. The result was that **eighty percent** of the city was **flooded**, with some areas under twenty feet of standing water. All this devastation was only exacerbated by the high population density in this world-famous city.

The **disasters** severely damaged an area larger than Great Britain, turned **1.2 million** people into **evacuees**, and destroyed 600,000 homes.

Post-hurricane damage in Mississippi and Louisiana was (and still is) **massive and unprecedented**.

At least 1,836 people lost their lives in Hurricane Katrina and its subsequent floods, making it the **deadliest U.S. hurricane** since 1928. Moreover, it was the most costly disaster in our nation's history and totalled over **\$81.2 Billion**.

At Katrina's **two-year anniversary**, New Orleans was still only at about 66 percent of its pre-hurricane population. Now three years after the disaster, many people still live in their FEMA trailers outside their gutted homes. Most don't have the money, the help, or the even the **will** to re-build. Even more homes sit gutted, unoccupied, and unclaimed – their owners **never returned**.

It has been almost three years, but the **Road Home** has just begun...

THOUGH I SAW ALL THE NEWS REPORTS OF THE DESTRUCTION AND DEVASTATION, I WAS NOT PREPARED FOR **OVERWHELMING** LOSSES THAT NEW ORLEANS **RESIDENTS** ENDURED, PARTICULARLY ON THE EAST SIDE."

§ CHARLES GRANT





TO HAVE **EXPERIENCED**
KATRINA REALLY MADE YOU
REALIZE THAT ALL OF THIS
[POSSESSIONS] MEANS NOTHING

§ **FELTUS LEE**

MAYBE THE GREATEST THING YOU
COULD EVER DO IS **LISTEN.**
PEOPLE NEED TO TELL THEIR STORIES.



ITS ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU
HELP, WHETHER YOU CHANGE A
DOOR BELL OR PAINT A ROOM.
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I GO,
THE **PEOPLE**

§ **BILL WELSCH**



THE GREATEST EXPERIENCE
I HAD WAS SEEING A BUNCH OF
ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH NO
PARTICULAR SKILLS WORK
TOGETHER TO REBUILD HOMES FOR
PEOPLE THEY DIDN'T KNOW,
AND DOING A REALLY GOOD
JOB AT IT.

§ RICK MILLER



Please lead or join a trip to help re-build our city and community.
For those unable to come, please give financially so someone else can.
From everyone, we seek your prayers for us and those traveling to
help re-build

the Residents of New Orleans



SIGN UP:

To learn more about the PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) and sign up for your trip, visit <http://www.pcusa.org/katrina/volunteer/village9olivetree.htm> or call Penny Noel at the PDA Call Center at 866.732.6121.

TRAVEL:

US Airways offers non stop flights from Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) to the New Orleans Airport (MSY). Flights booked in well in advance range from \$250 to \$300. www.usairways.com

For a less expensive option, AirTran offers several one stop flights thru Atlanta. www.airtran.com

Groups will need rental cars to travel to and from the work site each day.
www.enterprise.com
www.avis.com
www.hertz.com

ACCOMODATIONS:

The PDA Volunteer Village provides food, clean beds, and warm showers for \$20 a day. Volunteers are also expected to help in cooking, cleaning, and fellowship. The PDA Volunteer Village handles the details of work site assignments.

HELP PLANNING YOUR TRIP:

Contact Jeremy Ball at nubins@carolina.rr.com

