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SIGNS OF LIFE

Hurricane Katrina:
One Year Later.



KATRINA RELIEF

Service International's
Upcoming Trips and Projects



GET INVOLVED

Your Participation is
Needed to Help People.

Signs of Life.

Hurricane Katrina: One Year Later.

A year ago, New Orleans streets and suburbs were empty except for rotting debris (enough to make mountains), and the air was filled with the inescapable stench of mold and decay. Block after block there were no traffic lights working, no gas stations pumping, no businesses operating, no churches meeting, no schools in session.



The slow but steady transformation is happening because of the continued commitment of groups like Service International (SI). Since Hurricane Katrina slammed the shores of the Gulf Coast a year ago, SI has sent more than 45 tractor-trailer loads of materials and supplies; distributed more than 150 homeowner grants (building materials); and housed, fed, and directed over 4,000 dedicated volunteers from across the nation—participating in the restoration of more than 500 homes in the region.

The best thing about these numbers is that they represent people—families who once again have a place to call home—a place where they can be safe and dry—a place where they can get back to the business of living. As one Mississippi homeowner put it after SI showed up, “Now we know we’re going to make it.” That sounds like hope . . . and that’s a good sign.

That was then.

Today, many communities are sprouting signs of life: “Now Hiring”; “Open for Business”; “Opening Soon.” Now you can buy a sandwich or some pickled shrimp at the corner gas mart or cool off at a neighborhood sno-cone stand. Some stoplights are back in action and people and bulldozers are plentiful. The air smells fresher and the future looks brighter.

Service International Profile.

For more than a decade, SI has been coordinating relief efforts locally, nationally, and around the globe—mobilizing volunteers to alleviate suffering caused by floods, tornadoes, tsunamis, hurricanes, and war.



Get Involved.

Volunteer.

SI volunteers are quick to say how helping people has changed them deeply. You, too, can make a difference in people's lives. Contact SI to ask how you can get involved.

Pray.

Pray for health, courage, civil order, and relief for the hurting people who have been affected by recent disasters. Also, please pray for the leadership of SI as they continue to organize and facilitate rebuilding and hope-building.

Give.

Help fund SI's continued relief efforts in the Gulf Coast and around the world. Donate online at serviceinternational.org or send a check to the address on the panel below. Thank you!

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SERVICE INTERNATIONAL KATRINA UPCOMING RELIEF TRIPS

- October 21 - 27
- November 4 - 10
- November 11 - 17
- December 2 - 8
- December 9 - 15
- December 26 - 31

SI continues to send teams of volunteers down to the Gulf Coast to restore homes and lives. Contact SI today to see how you can get involved.

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