

Fact Sheet – the Allday House, Pascagoula, MS

FRAME A HOUSE IN A CHURCH PARKING LOT – June 6

Who is the project for?

At the time Katrina hit, Ginger and her father Jack Allday lived in their home in Pascagoula. Jack was profoundly ill with Alzheimer's, heart disease and other medical complications. Ginger was his caregiver through his illness and he passed away on Christmas Day 2007.

In March 2008, after eight years in remission, Ginger was diagnosed with a recurrence of liver cancer. At this time it is in remission again.

Prior to her father's death, Ginger's son, Dustin and his two children moved in in order for Dustin to assist in his grandfather's care. In the summer of 2008, Dustin was diagnosed with a degenerative eye disease that is expected to lead to total blindness.

Their home sustained over 50% damage. Mississippi United Methodist response repaired the bathroom so the family would have grooming facilities. The family was told they could rebuild if they elevated 18 inches. Their lowest estimate came in at \$49,500. The subfloor was severely damaged and was basically on the ground since 2005. Contractors submitting estimates were very troubled by the probability of the house surviving a lift.

After review it was determined that in the interest of safety the house should be torn down. The family is currently in a MEMA (Mississippi Emergency Management Agency) cottage. However, they are only authorized to be in it for a limited time. It is set to be removed at the end of March 2009.

Pray that an exemption will be granted by local authorities for the family to remain in the cottage as their home is being constructed.

What is the project?

1. Frame interior and exterior walls for the Allday home in the parking lot of New Covenant UMC, Douglasville, GA on June 6th. Volunteers will gather at 8 AM to assemble the walls per plans received from Mississippi. Materials will be on site. Each group of volunteers coming is asked to contribute \$300 for the average cost per wall for materials.
2. Send a follow-up team to Mississippi June 7-13 to put up the walls, build and erect the trusses and roof sheathing.
3. Prepare the foundation and sub-floor, to be built on site in Mississippi **prior** to the framing build June 6th.

Why?

- To make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are told in scripture that when we give a cup of water in Jesus' name we have done it as unto Him. The Christian love and witness of Jesus in our lives that is seen through the relationships made in reaching out:
 - a. To the hopeless and forgotten
 - b. To our neighbors and community through their participation
 - c. With intentional inclusion of the un-churched as potential volunteers from our communityLeads to new seed being planted for the Kingdom.
- See "Who" above and note that after three 3 ½ years families are still in FEMA trailers.
- Makes it possible for those who can't go to Mississippi to be actively engaged in the long term recovery
- To reduce the cost of putting a home on the ground for the family in recovery

Where?

Framing – New Covenant UMC parking lot, Douglasville GA – June 6th

Finishing - The Ginger Allday home, Pascagoula, Mississippi. Teams to the finishing stage of the project are coordinated by Camp Hope, Vancleave, MS, Jack and Dee Boreing.

Cost? \$4000 for this stage

- The cost of the foundation (\$5K) has been underwritten by the Salvation Army.
- \$4000 needed by May 15 to fund materials for June 6th build in Douglasville GA
- Any funds raised beyond the \$4K will be used 100% for finishing the home. NO funds are used for any administrative tasks. Total rebuild cost is \$40K.

Who is coordinating this project?

Overall and in Mississippi – Jack and Dee Boreing, Side by Side Ministries and UMCOR. Douglasville natives and New Covenant UMC members Dee and Jack Boreing are site coordinators in charge of housing recovery at Camp Hope in Mississippi.

In August, 2005, Hurricane Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast with terrifying force. Less than a month later, Hurricane Rita cut a swath over much of the same landscape. Thousands evacuated, some never to return to their homes. For those who stayed, it's been a long journey back into livable homes and the work still goes on.

As site coordinators for Camp Hope in Vancleave, north of Biloxi, Mississippi, the Boreings work six days a week, organizing thousands of volunteers for more than three years, determined to help the people of the Gulf Coast get back home. Camp Hope is a division of the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

To those who ask, "How do I get started?", Dee Boreing replies: "Just get off the fence and do it! If you sit around waiting for strength and energy, you will never get it. We get our strength from the Lord on a day-to-day, sometimes a minute-to-minute, basis."

Georgia Framing in the church lot: experienced construction professionals from New Covenant along with local highly skilled framing professionals will organize and supervise the materials, schedule, tasks and loading of the finished product.

Finish and follow-through: The Boreings and UMCOR are committed to completion. They have shown their ability to recruit and utilize volunteers and resources to move families back into homes through 3+ years of work on the coast. Follow-up teams are welcomed.

Will this work?

Yes. We've done it before. We have participated in a similar build in a church parking lot. On a Saturday morning in 2008 from 8 am to 1 pm a group of 100 volunteers completed framing of a home, loaded the truck and watched it pull out of the driveway for Mississippi.

How do folks get involved?

- **Contribute \$ for materials and prep work**
- **Come work June 6 in Douglasville – start time 8 AM**
- **Join the team to Mississippi on June 7 to put up the walls on site OR schedule a follow-up team**

Questions or to sign up to help?

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