

New Orleans, Katrina Restoration



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FEI Team

Open Teams all of 2010

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

On August 25, 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast. Forward Edge International (FEI) responded by mobilizing hundreds of ordinary people like you to participate in the restoration effort. Since the devastation, over 2,500 volunteers have partnered with FEI to help the poor and elderly get back into their homes. As of August, 2009, more than 265 homes and 26 churches have been restored!

Dozens of families are overwhelmed with the blessing FEI teams have provided.

"You're not my friends anymore, you're family," said one Hurricane Katrina survivor. "You're welcome in my home anytime."

Together we are making a difference one life, one family at a time.

Forward Edge volunteers, like you, have already made a difference by cleaning and repairing homes, churches and schools damaged by Katrina. We are grateful for the many teams that have served with us—and to the congregations that have sent multiple teams to the area.

Yet astonishingly, over 15,000 families are *still* living in FEMA trailers as of August 2009, and 65,000 homes are still blighted. Countless victims of the hurricane remain stranded, lacking the resources they need to rebuild. There is still much work to be done!

The impact zone of Hurricane Katrina is about 200 miles wide and 100 miles deep. Louisiana and Mississippi bore the brunt of the devastation, and over

one million people were displaced as a result. Teams are still being sent to New Orleans, LA., partnering with churches in the community to help restore the homes of Katrina survivors. You will work daily in local neighborhoods to help those hardest hit by the disaster.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact **Matt Harris**, Forward Edge Team Coordinator for the **Gulf Coast** at **360.574.3343** or **matt@forwardedge.org**



The Jones family finally return home!

Everyone should
have
an
opportunity
to change a
LIFE.



Volunteers help repair a home!

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Come to the Edge...
where you will discover in a deeper
way who God is, who you are and
what God can do through you.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Your team will be doing all types of community outreach. Typically we will partner with local ministries, to work repairing homes in New Orleans that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Many people, especially the elderly, widows, single women and disabled individuals, do not have the resources to rebuild their homes—but with volunteer labor, it is possible. You will be providing a renewed sense of hope for many who have lost everything.

COST

The team fee for this trip is **\$495**. This fee covers team training materials, accommodations, meals (*please bring an additional \$10-15 for one meal out*), transportation on-site, some construction materials and team facilitator.

This fee does not include transportation to the area. If you plan to fly into the area, you will land at Louis Armstrong International, LA (MSY).

ACCOMMODATIONS

You will be hosted by Pastor Charles Garrison. FEI will provide a facilitator to provide complete logistical organization in the area, along with the church leadership. Team members will share in the kitchen/cooking duties, as arranged by your facilitator. You will have breakfast and dinner at the church and will take a sack lunch with you while you are out and about serving and working.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Do you have a heart for people? Are you a hard worker? Can you follow directions? If you answered “yes” to these questions and are willing to be flexible in what you may do, then come on down to New Orleans! Share your vision with us, and together we’ll make plans to direct your group to the right opportunity.

PREPARATION

As soon as Forward Edge receives completed applications, we’ll send you a team pack which includes: T-shirt, S.U.R.F. Training materials and information on the Gulf Coast. Please note: FEI strongly recommends that each team member has a current **tetanus shot**. Please contact Team Coordinator **Matt Harris** at **Forward Edge** with any questions. matt@forwardedge.org, **360-574-3343**

IMPORTANT DATES

90 Days Prior:
Application &
Liability Release
Form DUE.

60 Days Prior:
Half Payment DUE.

30 Days Prior:
Full Payment DUE.



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the Gulf Coast!

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