

HURRICANE MICHAEL



Hurricane Michael broke multiple pressure and wind speed records as it tore into the United States. Making landfall on October 10, 2018 as the first-ever category 4 hurricane to hit the Florida panhandle, Michael attained wind speeds of 155 mph and started its path of destruction amounting to an estimated \$14.5 billion in damage.

Along the Panhandle, the cities of Mexico Beach and Panama City suffered the worst of Michael from catastrophic storm surges that swept through. Many residents in this area could not afford insurance and were left on their own to fend for themselves. Forward Edge feels called to respond in these cities to provide help and hope.

This is where you come in! Regardless of the skills you have or don't have, together we can provide the free labor needed to clean up debris, gut homes, install new insulation and hang new sheet rock. Our initial focus will be assisting the most vulnerable in Panama City: the uninsured, widows, seniors, single moms, and low-income families. These individuals and families need hope. Teams will have the opportunity to pray and encourage those they work with and who have suffered so much.

Forward Edge has more than 25 years of experience in disaster-recovery work, including long-term efforts after hurricanes Katrina, Sandy, Maria and the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. By God's grace, we were able to mobilize more than 3,000 volunteers from around the country to serve in the Gulf Coast after Katrina, and more than 1,000 to serve in Haiti.

As always, our plan will be to remain involved in the Michael recovery effort long after the first responders are gone and the media has moved on. We have the following resources in place:

- A strong partnership with The Ark – a Christian housing initiative.
- Connections to an ongoing list of projects and service opportunities.
- The tools and logistical infrastructure needed to respond effectively.

May the Lord bless our efforts together to help our fellow Americans in Florida!

IMPORTANT DATES

TOTAL TRIP FEES:
\$650

60 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE

\$200 Non-Refundable
Deposit Due

Registration &
Medical Release Forms
DUE

30 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE

\$450 Payment Due

FOR MORE INFO

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TEAMS INFO

Forward Edge can accommodate teams for a 7-day trip. Churches, schools, businesses, or other groups interested in sending teams to serve in Florida should contact noahhoff@forwardedge.org or call 360.574.3343.

TEAM LODGING

Teams will be staying at The Ark (a faith-based coffee shop with housing) located in Panama Beach. Bunk beds will be available for the team. Team members are asked to bring their own sheets or sleeping bags and towels. Shower and bathroom facilities will be available for everyone.

TRIP FEE PAYMENTS

A \$200 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration. The deposit will be applied to your total trip fee. Payments can be paid by check, or by credit card at www.forwardedge.org/pay-trip-fees. Please make checks payable to: Forward Edge International. All payments need to reflect the team member name and team number. Please address checks to the address below.

TEAM MEMBER PREPARATIONS

IMMUNIZATIONS: Forward Edge strongly recommends that each team member has a current tetanus shot. Please consult a personal physician for any other recommendations.

TEAM PACKS:

Once registration is complete, Forward Edge will send each team member a team pack. Each team pack includes a t-shirt, a team member manual, a devotional, and other Forward Edge items.



TRIP FEES INCLUDE

- Lodging, materials, most meals, team packs, ground transportation, and trip medical coverage
- Complete trip coordination provided by Forward Edge

TRIP FEES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Airfare or transportation to/from location
- Luggage fees
- Dining-out costs (the team will be going out to eat 3-4 times to support local business affected by the disaster, please bring \$100 in cash for this)