



I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

~ PHILIPPIANS 1:3,5 HCSB

DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY

for the SBTC has been such a blessing for me. Whenever a disaster happens like Hurricane Katrina or Rita, God reveals His love and work in a marvelous way. He will turn a city upside down and the people of that city have no place to turn except to the Lord. That's when God shows up and shows out. Through a disaster relief "yellow hat" volunteer giving someone a hot meal, a hug and a prayer, God reveals His love for that person.

I remember one man in Port Arthur, Texas. He was a large and strong man wearing a U.S. Marine Corps t-shirt. He was so dejected. The pain was written all over his face. I gave him a hot meal and then asked about his home and property. He looked at the ground and said, "It's all gone. There's nothing left at all." I asked about his family - were they safe and okay? He looked at me and said that because of the heat and no electricity for the air conditioning his elderly mother had passed away two days ago. Her body was in storage and he had no idea how or when she could be buried. I began to share the promises of God's Word with him and the assurance of God's love for him even during a time such as that. I asked him if he had a relationship with Jesus and he replied, "No." I asked if I could pray with him and he agreed. We bowed our heads and I put my arm around him. When the prayer was finished I looked at the man and tears were streaming down his cheeks. He said that was the first time in his life that anyone had ever prayed for him. I then asked if he would like to invite Jesus into his heart. Without hesitating he answered, "Yes." When we were finished with that prayer he gave me a hug that almost hurt. What a day!

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