
THE LATEST NEWS – SLIDELL TORNADO



Hello, friend!

Thank you for your interest in Crisis Evangelism! We are excited with the work that the Lord has put before us and covet your prayers always.

On April 10, an EF-2 tornado swept through Slidell, LA, just north of New Orleans, causing substantial damage to many homes and businesses. Notably it destroyed the fellowship hall and education building at the Slidell church of Christ, as well as causing damage to the windows of their auditorium. Despite this, they rallied to have two separate distribution days to the surrounding community.

Crisis Evangelism was able to contact the elders and offer our services. They welcomed our help, and we were able to get down there a few days after the disaster. We have never been part of an effort that involved the destruction of the property of the congregation doing the relief work. They were nothing short of remarkable in their resolve to help others. They were able to help hundreds of people and continue to do what they can while trying to pick up the pieces of their facility.

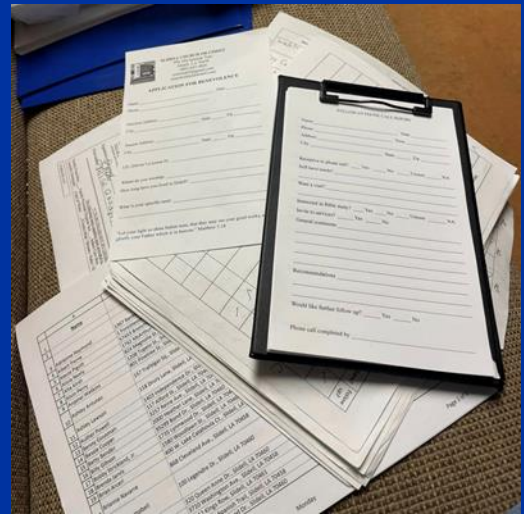


In spite of damage to their own buildings, they reached out to the community and spent two days giving out relief supplies to the community. Cars were backed up a mile waiting to get in for help! The picture to the left was taken while their fellowship hall was being gutted in preparation for rebuilding.



In addition to the Crisis Evangelism team praying with the carloads of people coming through, Dwight Jones, an elder at Slidell, and Aaron Cozort, who was nearby holding a Gospel meeting, also prayed with many of the survivors.

We organized all the contact information to make it easy to do the follow-up. The ladies of the congregation got busy sending cards to over 170 households! After about two weeks, we began the task of calling all the survivors to see how they were doing.

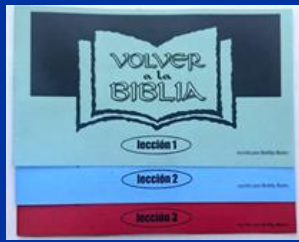


Most of the survivors we spoke with mentioned how thankful they were to the congregation for the supplies and the cards. We met with some to get to know them better and offer more prayers on their behalf. This is part of our process in attempting to set up Bible studies. One woman we spoke to came to Sunday worship and promised to return again. Mark was able to conduct a Bible study with one of the men who came through the line. He said he was just asking the Lord for help when Mark called with a follow-up phone call. He was able to complete the first booklet in the Back to the Bible Series. The gentleman was very receptive to continuing the study.

The brethren at Slidell are convinced that, although they suffered much physical loss, they have been reinvigorated to evangelizing their community. They are committed to following up with the survivors both throughout May and in the coming months. They know that each instance of contact is another seed planted or watered. There are potential plans to invite all the survivors to an event celebrating the reopening of the building containing the classrooms and fellowship hall when it is restored. We will do all we can to help them in their efforts to reach the lost.

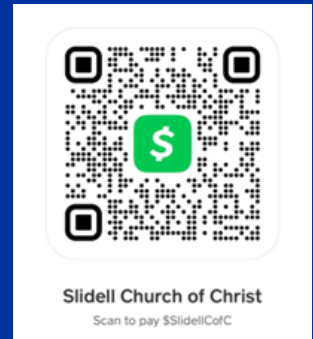
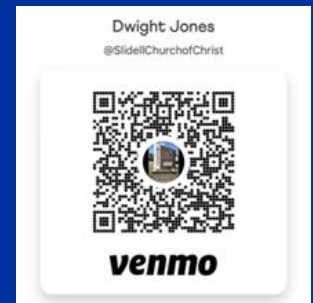


Hector Urbina, a deacon at Slidell, will be leading the efforts with the Spanish-speaking survivors. We were able to supply him with Spanish materials and direct him to Christian Vargas' Plainview Iglesia de Cristo YouTube channel and Marlon Retana's Escuela Bíblica en Linea to aid him. He is very excited about these resources!



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Crisis Evangelism continues to raise awareness of our program through preaching appointments at congregations and setting up displays at lectureships. Please share this newsletter with anyone you think might be interested or in need of our services. We welcome any financial support possible.

While we do not want disasters to occur, we are eager to use those occasions for God's glory. Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement. Until next time, remember that . . . There is Good News!

"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)



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