



Katrina Revisited

You Can Help!

Two years after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, John and I had an opportunity to visit New Orleans. What we saw jolted us to our very core! There were close to two hundred people sleeping under a stretch of Highway 10 going into the city. We drove through Jefferson Parish and all through Gentilly and in silent horror, took in the unbelievable destruction. In neighborhoods of the poor, homes were damaged beyond repair and in the neighborhoods of the well to do, houses stood ghostly empty. In neighborhood after neighborhood the letter X was still visible above water marks that stained the homes after the flood water from the breached levies. All we could say to each other was "Oh! My God."

When we returned home, I looked up an Episcopal Church in the city to see if we at All Saints' could do anything to help. I found the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation's web site and I urge each of you to go there and view the video and read what they have been through.

As I write this, I am aware that there will be a terrible refugee situation at the end of this month because the FEMA trailers are being recalled for formaldehyde contamination and those who were lucky enough to finally get a trailer will now be evicted. The churches are gearing up as best they can to serve these people.

In April, the Outreach Commission will do a pew envelope to send as much help as we can in the form of money and we will be exploring other possibilities as well. Please keep an open heart for our brothers and sisters on the Gulf coast. Go to <http://www.annunciationbroadmoor.org/> and click on Katrina Remembered to view the video and read about them.

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