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Gulf Coast Disaster Recovery – Biloxi, MS

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Preliminary Fact Sheet

Mississippi ranks as the most impoverished state in the United States. In 2005, the Mississippi Gulf coast was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Servants has been involved in long term recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast area since 2007. The region has never fully recovered from the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina and has faced several major disasters in the years since. We partner with New Life Disaster Relief (based in Biloxi, MS) to help in the ongoing recovery efforts in the region. **New Life Disaster Relief** will host our team as we assist them in rebuilding communities, distributing goods and supplies, and overcoming daily challenges associated with these ongoing hardships.

COST

The cost for food & lodging the trip is \$300. Payments can be made to **Servants, Inc.** at the address below. The cost includes non-air travel and lodging as well as food Monday-Friday. Team members should bring cash for meals on travel days. The cost also includes a rental vehicle.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Specific travel details will be provided at the all-team meeting prior to the trip. Servants will designate a team leader who will guide you in your travel arrangements, projects, devotions, and daily schedules.

HOUSING/MEALS

Housing will be provided by New Life Disaster Relief. The facility contains rooms/dormitories with cots, showers, restrooms, and a kitchen. Sleeping quarters are divided between men and women. Each team will shop for and prepare their own meals including packing their lunches before leaving out for the day. Please make us aware of any food allergies; however, due to the nature of disaster recovery we may not be able to meet all specific dietary requests.

FUNDRAISING

Servants will assist with individual and team fundraising efforts whenever possible. Servants is a 501c3 non-profit organization and will provide donation receipts for all trip related donations received.

AGES

Servants believes God calls and uses people of any age to serve Him. However, our host site has a minimum age restriction of at least 14 years old. There is no upper age limit (or excuses).

WORK DETAIL

We are currently working in the long-term recovery stage of disaster response. Depending on the team, work could entail landscaping, distribution of goods and supplies, drywall, painting, roofing and flooring.

TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30	Breakfast
8:00	Pack Lunches
8:30	Devotions
9:00	Work projects
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Work Projects
5:00	Shower
6:00	Supper
8:00	Debriefing
8:30	Free Time
10:00	Lights Out

PACKING LIST

- Personal hygiene items / Medications
- Shower shoes / Flip-flops / Shower bag
- Flashlight
- Long pants / Jeans / Sturdy work shoes
- Clothes for relaxing around base camp
- Hat / Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Bible / Journal
- Work gloves / Protective eyewear