



*City Ministries*

## Love Houston Update & Plan – October 9, 2017

### **Phase I - Collect items needed immediately following the Hurricane ✓ Done**

#### **September 1-30**

- We collected clothing, hygiene items, toys, shoes for babies, children, men and women to help families take a small step towards a new normal.
- 4 Thursdays in September: packing, sorting, labeling, storing with volunteers from City Ministries, Churchome and the local community for a total of 200 boxes.

#### **October 5-8**

- First week of October 3 team members rented a U-Haul and filled it with 88 boxes drove it to Alaska Air Cargo in Seattle, WA for the trip to Austin – we are working with Austin Disaster Relief. Enroute we learned their storages were full and immediately shifted gears with their help to deliver items directly to a church who is helping families in the most harshly affected areas. So, we rented a U-Haul, picked up the boxes at Alaska Air Cargo in Austin and began the 2 ½ hour drive to Las Buenas Nuevas Covenant Church in Houston.
- Everything was delivered safely and was just what they needed. They have a resource shelter for families to come and get: food, clean up supplies, baby supplies, etc..... the one thing they didn't have was clothing and that is what we had!!
- We then went and looked at the aftermath of the storm.... whole neighborhoods that smell like mildew, with flooring, furnishings, clothing, appliances, sheetrock, plumbing all in piles as garbage – homes and condos stripped to the studs. It was sobering and humbling.

## **Phase II - Take a team and supplies for remediation efforts for families to get back into their homes**

We are energized to continue with the process of recovery by partnering with Buenas Nuevas on next steps. Cleaning up homes, hauling off trash, helping with remediation and dry out, replacing sheet rock, flooring, wiring etc.... to get homes habitable again, with a priority on families and homes who are willing to shelter others who are waiting for housing.

### **October 9 -13 ✓Done**

- Arrange and ship remaining 110 boxes to Houston for distribution to families in need through Buenas Nuevas Church.

### **October 12- November 5**

- Put together a multi-disciplinary team to return to Houston to meet the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of people as we work alongside them to rebuild their homes and lives.
- Finalize research on what supplies are needed next for remediation and clean up with Austin Disaster Relief and utilize their vetting process for cash needs for those providing help and services to families.
- Focus on raising funds for building and cleanup supplies to support families returning to their home. Our goal is \$35,000! Please let your friends know how to give. [citymin.org/love-houston](http://citymin.org/love-houston)
- **Note updated items list on website: [citymin.org/love-houston](http://citymin.org/love-houston)**

### **November 5 -9**

Work Team to Houston to help with clean -up and rebuild of homes in partnership with Austin Disaster Relief, Ashford Community Church, Las Buenas Nuevas Church and Kingdom City (partnership of 4 churches working together)

**Your Love Houston Team!**

### **Phase III – Adopt Families for Christmas**

#### **November 10 – December 8**

Identify 25-30 families we can support through the Holidays by providing the Thanksgiving/Christmas week food and Meal, gifts (or gift cards for the family for presents and decorations), notes of encouragement from Churchhome members).