

FAITH WITHOUT BORDERS – DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

One Flood Victim's Story of Hope



Diane Richardson offers muffins to Ruth with a note card of prayers and concern from SJE parishioners.

Meet Ruth, a Munster resident.....

In May, Ruth buried her 47 year old son; In June, tornados that tore through her yard toppling down four 35-foot trees that shaded her house for decades; Then in September, about 40 days later, flood waters filled Ruth's basement and flowed up through her pipes soaking her kitchen cabinets along with the floor in both her kitchen and carpeted living room. Ruth, a widow for years, did not leave her home despite the moldy conditions and the lack of a furnace or hot water heater.

The immense kindness of her neighbors, Steve and Meeda Enger along with dozens of local volunteers has given Ruth hope.

In mid-October, Faith Without Borders team members made a follow up visit to check on Ruth who was so excited to finally get a hot water heater installed and have a hot shower for the first time in over a month.



Peter and Sandy Kurowski gut the wall in the basement of a home in East Chicago.

Disaster Response Team in Need of Tools

The next time you clean out your garage or see a tool you do not use often, consider donating it to the Disaster Response Team.

The DRT wish list includes:
hammers, screwdrivers, power-operated tools, reciprocal saw and other hand tools.

Can you scrub a wall, clean up a basement, bake desserts, use a hammer, scrape up tile, prepare a meal, carry out debris, gut a wall, sit with a flood victim and listen to their story, hang drywall, make follow up phone calls, lay tile, trim a room,offer hope to someone who is discouraged?

Please consider using your God given talents to help the local flood victims.

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