



Love in Action Newsflash

Welcome to a special Newsflash addition to the ACTS World Relief newsletter. Thank you to our faithful supporters and our volunteer army of everyone!

267 Youth and Church Members impact Brevard County Florida Flood victims



The Saturday after Tropical Storm Fay hit Florida, 175 community members flocked to the Melbourne Seventh day Adventist gymnasium and the adjoining ACTS

Circus Tent which is a registered distribution site with the State and local Emergency Operations Center. Those community members received much needed items including clean up kits, tarps and personal hygiene items.

Melbourne SDA Church Pastor, Wayne Gosling, expressed that they had never had such an opportunity to let the community see **Christ's love in action**. Pastor Gosling and his church went into their surrounding communities, some of which had been underneath four feet of water, to find that they were the first to offer assistance. People were frantically flagging them down.



Pastor Gosling commented on the experience saying, "It's sad to think it takes a storm to unite our Church members to serve our community. Right now I can walk into the front doors of homes and instantly bond with neighbors in terrible need. *We would have done*

nothing if it were not for the vision and plan of ACTS to be the hands and feet of Jesus. It was an honor to work with both ACTS and local and state leaders."

Forest Lake Academy from Florida, Heritage Academy from Tennessee, local Boy Scouts and statewide volunteers responded to requested work orders being processed through the distribution center. By Sunday night, 16 homes had been



stripped, had tarps on its roofs, or soaked furniture removed. ACTS trucks had been deployed and unloaded

and the semi kitchen was in place.

A representative from the State of Florida Emergency Management said, "Whatever you did to diplomatically develop a relationship with the local EOC is working. In the past they have prevented many other great faith-based organizations from assisting desperate communities which have been flooded."

WEBSITE

The ACTS WR website, www.actswr.org, has recently gotten a complete makeover to capture love in action and to assist in domestic and international training. Check out the website to keep updated on the constant deployments of ACTS WR both in the states and throughout the world.

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Miracle Story From The Field

There was a knock on the door of the Melbourne Seventh-day Adventist church the Sunday night after Tropical Storm Fay hit. Pastor Gosling opened the door to find a distraught woman named Laurie.

She exclaimed, "I was driving and God told me to stop here because someone could help me."

Laurie's apartment was flooded. Her children had asthmas and could no longer live in the apartment as it was starting to become infested with mold.

Pastor Gosling told her that they had cleaning supplies that she could take with her, but more than that they could send a cleaning crew to her house. At that point Laurie broke down in tears. Between working and dropping her kids off at school she barely had any time to deal with the mold in her house.

Pastor Gosling took her to meet the students from Heritage Academy that were there. Everyone surrounded Laurie and prayed with her.



International

Training in Nigeria

Victory Sanctuary Seventh-day Adventist Church pleaded for ACTS to train and create a plan for their fastest growing Church in Nigeria as they felt an overwhelming need to impact their community with Love in Action!

Pastor Canther presented the evening meeting at the worldwide Convention being with the spiritual challenge. "God is Calling you to Serve!"

Revelation 12:11 shares three ideas:

1. **Calvary** (faith in the blood of the Lamb)
2. **Commission** (By the Word of their testimony speaking faith)
3. **Commandment** (Practise Loving God with ALL their hearts and living an unselfish life).

In the afternoon, Pastor Canther led out in CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) training. This empowered them to reach out to their communities suffering from hunger and malaria which is rampant from raw sewage.

Several Professors from Babcock SDA University, located there in Nigeria, met with Pastor Canther to request an ACTS Chapter to enable students to minister throughout Africa.

The President's assistant said, "***You are a Godsend to finally give us a plan of reaching out to our country with practical love, rather than us just focusing on ourselves.***"



Pastor Canther with church leaders, the African Director of Adventist World Radio, and on right senior Pastor Bucky.

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