

LOVE Locally Organized Volunteer Effort



A Glimpse of the Need

Volume II

Just What in the World is LOVE?

The better question might be WHO in the world is LOVE! It is a group of people whom God has put together with amazing vision, talents, callings and abilities.

“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” Psalm 127:1



Mayor Jerry W. Brasseale, (left) commented that even though they are still in the stages of clean up, he is tremendously encouraged by the response of volunteers such as LOVE. To date they have issued 70

permits for new construction and over 900 permits for repairs. Much of that has been made possible through volunteer efforts.

Gorden Thomason, One Man’s Mission

Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama was quick to take a look after the April tornadoes to see what they could do to make a difference on behalf of their neighbors. Gorden Thomason was the man they called on. He is the first of a group of people whom God has put together with amazing vision, talents, callings and abilities.

Pleasant Grove was the spot Gorden chose to visit when they sent him out. It was clear to him that this was the place to focus energy and effort. (See photos above of Gorden and his “projects”).

And just why did OMPC’s Mission/Mercy Personnel choose Gorden? In his own words, “God built me for this.” And the record bears witness to this. Gorden’s

early career was as an architectural designer. He trained as a carpenter and soon he was made a building superintendent. Before long, he realized his avocation would be teaching carpentry so that his summers would be free to go on overseas building/ relief trips. This was his career for 25 years.

Gorden has partnered with MNA (Mission to North America) and MTW (Mission to the World) using his skills and passion to bring relief to those affected by disaster or dire need. He has spent 3 months in Albania. He spent months in Gulf Shores after Hurricane Ivan. He and his wife Sally spent a year in Bayou la Batre after Hurricane Katrina and most recently 7 months in Uganda. Gorden says this is his first tornado.

Gorden could not do all he does without the partnership of his wife Sally. She shares his passion and as a nurse is equipped to minister to the health needs of those injured in the same conditions to which Gorden is called.

He continues to bring passion and expertise to all he endeavors to accomplish.



PLEASANT GROVE

DISASTER RELIEF

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We will continue to introduce you to more of the team of volunteers in upcoming