

Eight Days of Hope Annual Report 2021



Friends of Eight Days of Hope,

We are thrilled to present our 2021 Annual Report! Not only is it our way of saying thank you for your generosity, but it is also our hope that this yearly report will showcase the ways that your giving has and continues to allow us to love and serve those in need.

Over 2,700 volunteers, 102,883 hours of service, \$3.5 million worth of labor, and, most importantly, 766 families were served in Jesus' name this year! Thank you for your willingness to serve, pray, and give to make this possible.

2021 revealed the importance of serving our neighbors through a basic need — food. God allowed us to ship tens of thousands of boxes through 157 local churches over multiple states to the hungry. These churches distributed over \$6 million worth of food, all for His glory! We are yet again in awe of the ways God uses this ministry to further His kingdom.

Please pay special attention to the last two pages of this report. A new focus has emerged, and we cannot wait to share it with you!

We hope you enjoy, and we are grateful for your continued support of Eight Days of Hope!

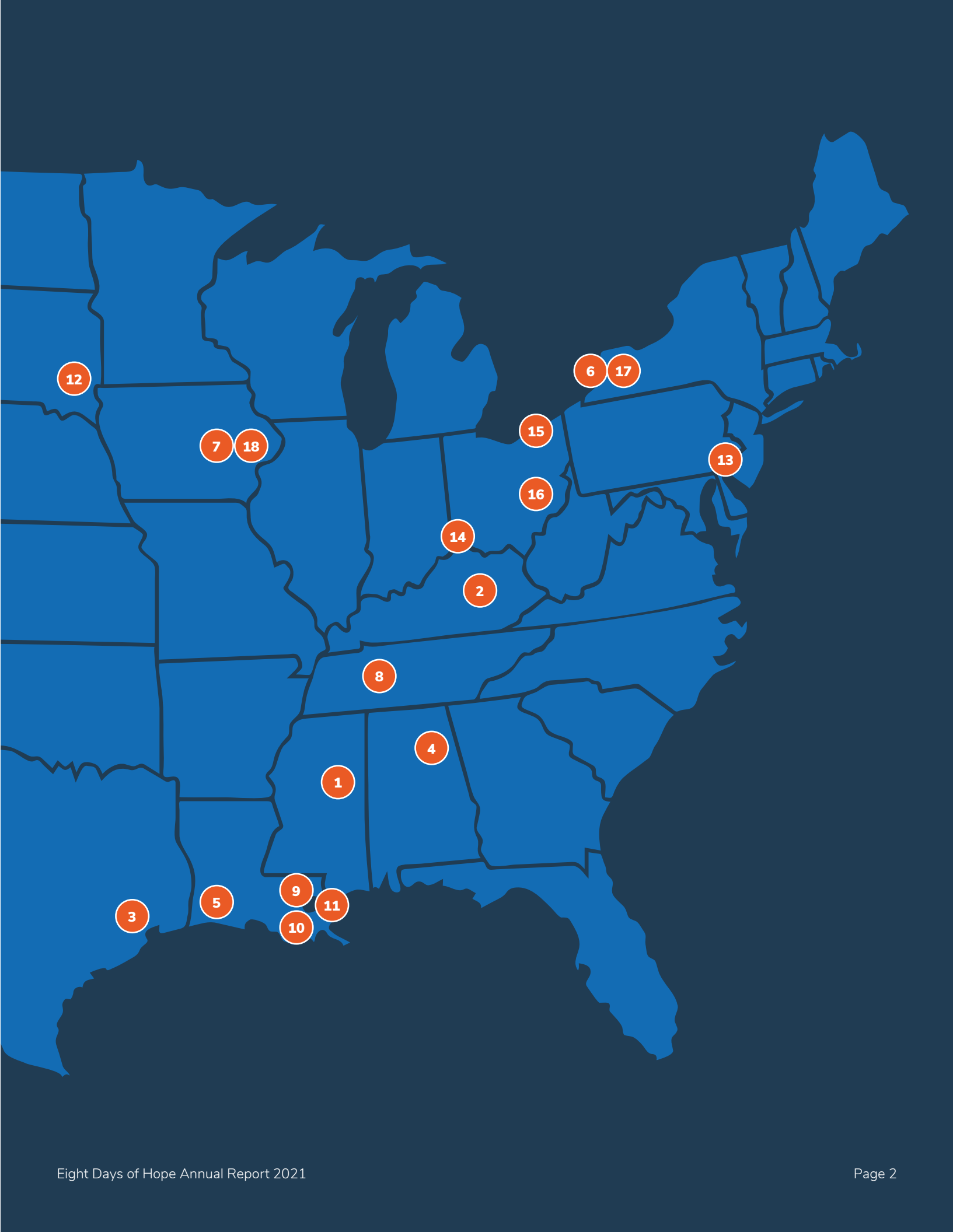
Stephen Tybor III, President – CEO

Welcome to our 2021 Annual Review!

At Eight Days of Hope, we exist to love and serve those in need. 2021 unveiled the power of this mission in ways we could have never imagined: responding to seven disasters, completing four safe house builds, hosting two eight-day community outreaches, distributing over \$6 million worth of food, and, most importantly, stepping into countless opportunities to share the hope of the Gospel. We were once again in awe of the power of serving the broken and loving those in need right where they are!

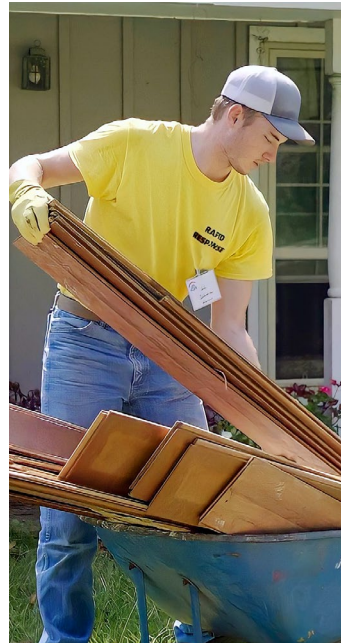
Map of Hope

1.	Transformation Garden – Northeast MS	Safe House	February 13 – 27
2.	Beattyville, KY	Rapid Response: Flood	March 10 – 20
3.	Elijah Rising – Houston, TX	Safe House	March 13 – 17
4.	Calhoun County, AL	Rapid Response: Tornado	March 30 – April 10
5.	Lake Charles, LA	Rapid Response: Flood	May 27 – June 12
6.	Buffalo, NY	EDOH Buffalo	July 16 – 24
7.	Cedar Rapids, IA	Love and Serve Cedar Rapids	August 14 – 21
8.	Waverly, TN	Rapid Response: Flood	August 27 – September 11
9.	Mandeville, LA	Rapid Response: Hurricane Ida	September 4 – 25
10.	LaPlace, LA	Rapid Response: Hurricane Ida	September 14 – 26
11.	Kenner, LA	Rapid Response: Hurricane Ida	October 2 – 23
12.	Call to Freedom – Sioux Falls, SD	Safe House	October 2 – 16
13.	Worthwhile Wear – Philadelphia, PA	Safe House	November 6 – 20
14.	Cincinnati, OH	Feeding	Spring
15.	Cleveland, OH	Feeding	Spring
16.	New Philadelphia, OH	Feeding	Spring
17.	Buffalo, NY	Feeding	Spring
18.	Cedar Rapids, IA	Feeding	Spring





Rapid Response



The need for God's people to respond to natural disasters immediately after they occur is essential. Our Rapid Response Ministry exists to bring hundreds of volunteers within the first 48 to 72 hours following a natural disaster. We will be there to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and we will offer hope to the brokenhearted.



1,146
Volunteers



552
Families served



\$1,500,000
Dollars of labor

Our Responses



Beattyville, KY: Flood

Massive flooding overcame one of the poorest areas in our country this past March. Hundreds were displaced and in great need. With a population of 1,300 people, this close-knit community survived and rose again hand-in-hand.



Calhoun County, AL: Tornado

A powerful tornado ripped through North Alabama claiming multiple lives and damaging hundreds of homes. The strength of Jesus overcame the strength of the wind in this wonderful community.



Lake Charles, LA: Flood

Lake Charles has become a second home for Eight Days of Hope. This area experienced its fourth disaster in less than a year in 2021. We were able to return to our family and serve the brokenhearted yet again.



Waverly, TN: Flood

A deadly flash flood took over Waverly, TN, within minutes. 270 homes were condemned, and many more had to be gutted. Despite the devastation, hope reigned in Tennessee for multiple weeks.



Mandeville, LA: Hurricane Ida

Hurricane Ida made landfall in South Louisiana, causing thousands of families to be removed from their homes without power, food, or water. This storm took a lot from Louisiana, but it didn't touch their resilience.



LaPlace, LA: Hurricane Ida

Due to Hurricane Ida, many communities were left without power for weeks at a time. The need for food, water, and clean clothes was apparent. Our team served 7,000 meals over two weeks and washed 400 loads of laundry in Jesus' name.



Kenner, LA: Hurricane Ida

After serving for four weeks in Louisiana, it did not feel time to go home just yet. We decided to extend our outreach for three additional weeks, making this deployment one of our longest to date. Volunteers from all over the country came together to serve their neighbors when it mattered most.



Our family is forever changed by meeting the leaders and volunteers of Eight Days of Hope.

One Tree, One Family, One Hope

On the day of the storm, we were all at home preparing for the impact. As the storm got closer and the noises got louder, we all moved into our hall bathroom. Our teenage son stayed in his bed. He heard a loud crack and sat straight up. One second later, a huge tree branch crashed through the ceiling, impaling his bed. The branch struck the exact spot where my son's head was just seconds before. The branch went straight through his mattress, hitting his bedroom floor underneath. We all are still praising God to this day for sparing our son.

When the storm cleared and we stepped out to see the damage, we were in awe of the strength of Hurricane Ida. The tree that hit our house was huge, and we had no way of removing it. A few days

later, Eight Days of Hope showed up. The team was unreal. They not only provided cleanup and cleared the massive tree from inside the room, the men and women took the time to pray with us. The crew leader took special time to minister and listen to our 15-year-old son, who had been having a difficult time. My wife and I observed a glimmer of light that came from him. We are so thankful for his visit.

The men and women of this organization were a bright, shining light to my family during our time of need. They did the work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and we cannot thank them enough.

— **Emile and Destiny Lubrano (Hurricane Ida)**



Safe House



After learning about the growing rate of human trafficking, we felt called to start our Safe House Ministry. We led 40 to 60 skilled construction professionals for 14 days to help build and remodel safe houses for existing organizations that serve survivors of human trafficking. These houses provide a place of emotional, physical, and spiritual healing for those in desperate need of comfort. Since 2019, we have built and remodeled eight homes for survivors to receive the help and hope that they need.

Our Builds



Transformation Garden

In February, we had the privilege of working with Transformation Garden on a home for 16 survivors by installing flooring, hanging drywall, and helping out in whatever way we could. Launched in October, Transformation Garden provides long-term care and housing for adult women who have been rescued from human trafficking.



Elijah Rising

In March, we had the chance to visit one of our previous Safe House Ministry Partners, Elijah Rising, to install new windows in one of their safe houses. Elijah Rising was founded in 2012 as a prayer gathering with a focus on ending sex trafficking. In addition to hosting the Awareness Van Tours, they have since launched an 84-acre restoration campus that provides long-term, trauma-informed, residential and restorative care for adult women who are survivors of sex trafficking.



Call to Freedom

In October, we visited South Dakota to work on one of our most unique projects to date: to help with an apartment complex called Marissa's House, which reunites survivors with their children. Over 14 days, we installed windows, roofing, and siding, and prepped the inside for additional remodeling. Marissa's House is a part of Call to Freedom, an organization founded to provide help to survivors of sex trafficking and to those at risk of being trafficked. Addressing the need of bringing survivors and their children together, Call to Freedom created a safe place for survivors to grow as parents on their journey of recovery. Marissa's House plans to open in March 2022.



Worthwhile Wear

Working with Worthwhile Wear was special because were we able to renovate a home and provide updates to some much-needed working space for their growing operations. We framed, hung drywall, and provided electrical and plumbing assistance to turn a house into three two-bedroom apartments for survivors.



As we near the Lord's return, it's crucial that the church be about our Father's business. Coming alongside ministries that are on the front lines, pushing back against this darkness, and bringing hope and healing to the most vulnerable among us is a greater need than ever. It is an honor to use the gifts that God has given us to show the light of Christ to a lost and dying world.

— Adam Hames, Safe House Construction Manager

\$150 billion

"Human traffickers are turning a profit of over \$150 billion a year."

— A21 Global Broadcast

83% of victims

"Within the U.S., 83% of victims in confirmed sex-trafficking incidents were identified as U.S. citizens."

— U.S. Justice Department

1 in 6 participants

"While the most frequently reported age of entry into [human trafficking] was 15, one in six participants reported being trafficked before the age of 12, with the youngest victims being less than 1 year old."

— Thorn, Survivor Insights

Only 200 facilities

"In the U.S., there are less than 600 beds available nationwide for child sex trafficking survivors. There are only 200 facilities nationwide for adult survivors to go and be safe. 27 states do not have any facilities for long-term recovery. But we have over 13,000 animal shelters."

— The Humane Society, U.S. Department of Justice, and the Institute for Shelter Care



God has blessed Eight Days of Hope to be builders – builders of refuge, restoration, and new beginnings. As we begin to see the Safe House Ministry grow, it becomes increasingly obvious that the need is great and that God has equipped us for exactly this. What a treasure it is to know that the homes being built will touch people we may never know as they journey toward healing and Christ!

— Hannah Fletcher, Safe House Ministry Director

Forever Focused

Often, people need shower trailers, laundry trailers, fans, dehumidifiers, lifts, and more. With each new piece of equipment we provided, there has always been one goal: to love and serve those in need.

2021 has produced a vision and a passion for another focus that we have yet to embrace — mass feeding.

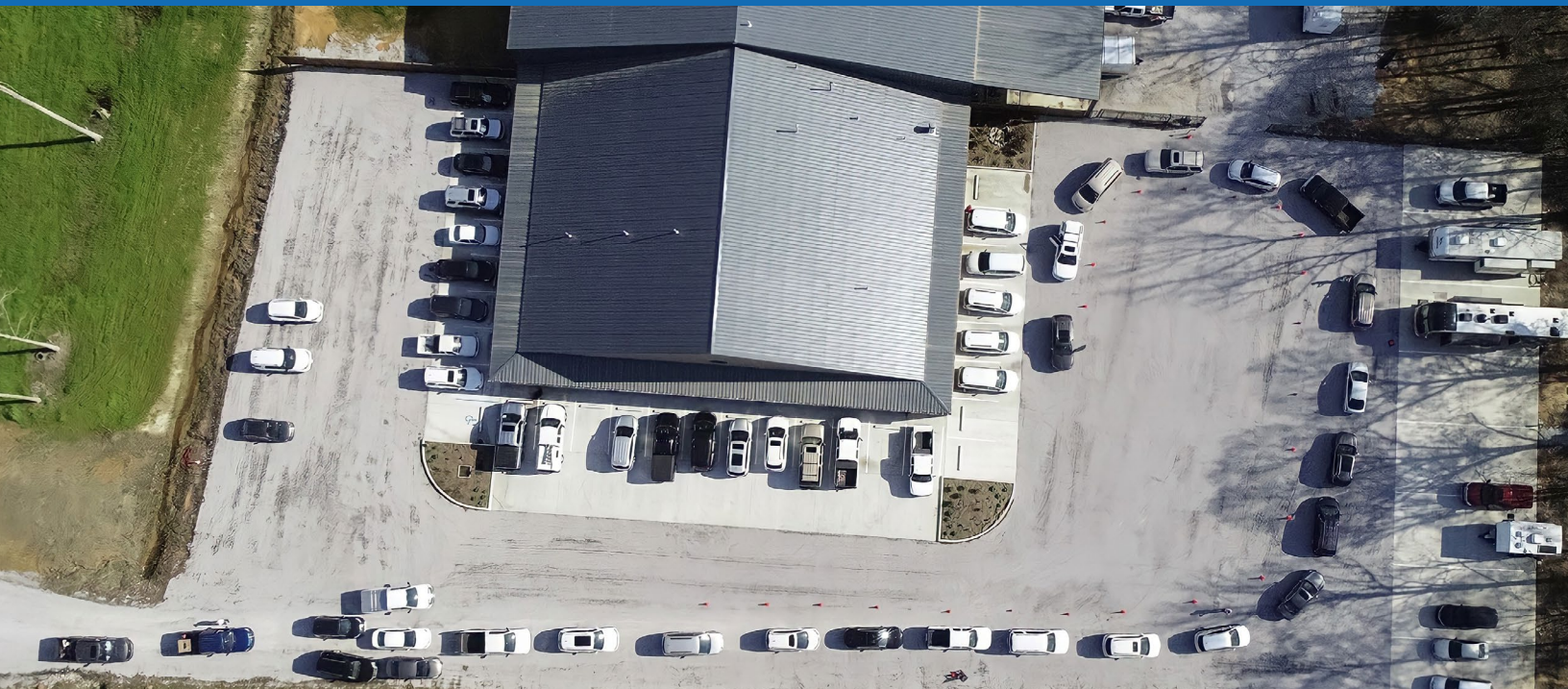


As our country began its return to a new normal, we were thankful to not be as needed as much, or so we thought. When Hurricane Ida hit, our Rapid Response team deployed immediately. When we arrived, the need for food, water, and fuel was apparent.

As our team worked away tarping roofs, mucking out homes, removing trees, and making sure people

had a safe place to lay their heads at night, there was another essential need that was not being met: the opportunity to eat.

We gathered, prayed, and obeyed. For the next two weeks, we would do something we had never done before — we fed 500 meals a day to the hurting and hungry.



Join Us

Our experience serving after Hurricane Ida has birthed a new sense of joy and revival in us. We saw what a hot meal could do for families that were going on over a month without electricity or a stable home to go back to.

Today, we would like to share with you that we have no plans of stopping what God has started. **We will now be disaster, rebuilding, restoring, and feeding focused organization.**

Anytime a disaster strikes and there is a need for families to have a hot meal after they have walked through the unthinkable, we want to be there with a spoon and fork to place in their hands.

Our hope is to provide tens of thousands of meals during an eight-day outreach immediately after a disaster strikes anywhere in our country.

As the body of Christ, we are called to love, serve, sacrifice, provide, and reach out to those around us. We do not ignore the needs of others or turn a blind eye. At Eight Days of Hope, we have a place for you to use your gifts, talents, and abilities to serve not only your neighbor, but the Kingdom of God. Today, we are asking you to open your eyes and your heart to your brothers and sisters that are facing disaster.

To make this vision a reality, we need your willingness to serve, your prayers, and your financial support.

Our goal is to raise over \$1 million to launch this ministry in excellence. After hearing the passion behind our new focus, a small group of donors has offered a matching gift of \$300,000. For every donation given, it will be matched dollar for dollar! With this generous gift in addition to your giving, we will be well on our way to feeding the masses in Jesus' name.

You can support us financially one of two ways. You can visit our website (eightdaysofhope.com) and donate by clicking the button in the right-hand corner or send us your gift directly to P.O. Box 3208, Tupelo, MS 38803. Also, if you're considering becoming a monthly supporter, check out our website for our monthly giving opportunities.

Thank you for growing with us as we follow where God leads. Your prayers and support allow us to reach more people than we ever imagined. We are confident that this new ministry – backed by your faithfulness – will be no different!

2022 is almost here, what will God do next?

May God bless you!

— Stephen Tybor III

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”

Philippians 2:3-4

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