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**EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE TO AID HURRICANE IDA VICTIMS THROUGH REBUILDING EFFORT IN LAPLACE, LOUISIANA**

Tupelo, MS – Eight Days of Hope (EDOH) will host its seventeenth rebuilding trip in LaPlace, Louisiana, to help rebuild homes impacted by Category 4 Hurricane Ida.

This outreach will take place from April 9-16 and will bring together thousands of volunteers from across the country to provide roofing, drywall, electrical, painting, and more to families who were devastated by the storm's impact.

"Our friends in LaPlace have faced so much hardship over the past few years as natural disasters continue to hit this region. It is time for us to come together with the skills we have been blessed with to help this community rebuild their homes and their lives," says Stephen Tybor III, EDOH President and CEO.

EDOH is partnering with St. John Parish Recovery Group and will be headquartered at New Wine Christian Fellowship. In 2013, EDOH held its thirteenth rebuilding outreach in LaPlace following the flooding caused by Hurricane Isaac. With the help of community businesses, churches, and nonprofits, EDOH aims to complete work in over 150 homes during this eight-day period.

"We are so excited to partner with Eight Days of Hope this coming April as they assist many St. John Parish homeowners to rebuild after Hurricane Ida. Our community was devastated by the recent storm, but as a result of the efforts of many volunteers, we are bringing HOPE to many in our community. Thank you Eight Days of Hope for being the hands and the feet of Jesus," says Pastor Neil Bernard, New Wine Christian Fellowship.

Volunteering for this outreach will open on Friday, January 21. Volunteering is free, and food and lodging are provided. To volunteer or for more information on what volunteering entails, please visit [www.eightdaysofhope.com](http://www.eightdaysofhope.com).

“To be returning to LaPlace eight years after the catastrophic flooding in 2013 is hard, yet we are excited to aid as many as possible. We had the opportunity to help so many all those years ago, and we are humbled to be able to return after Hurricane Ida and serve along New Wine Christian Fellowship once again,” says Tybor.

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Except for a small staff, Eight Days of Hope is an all-volunteer organization. We serve all people regardless of race, gender, religion or ethnicity. Please visit [www.eightdaysofhope.com](http://www.eightdaysofhope.com) for more information, to provide financial support, or to volunteer.