



Eight Days of Hope - Rapid Response

Northwest Indiana

August 19 - September 5, 2026

What is the cost to attend?

It is free! We provide the food and lodging. We just ask that you show up with a willing heart to serve. We rely on churches, businesses, individuals, and our volunteers for donations.

What are the sleeping arrangements?

We will be staying at Faith Temple of Christ Church.

The address is: **7601 Whitcomb St, Merrillville, IN 46410**. Lodging will be separated by gender. Please bring a cots, sleeping bag, or twin air mattress to sleep on.

Will there be any RV spots available?

There are **NO** RV spots for this trip.

Can I bring my pet?

No.

Do I have to bring my own food?

No. We will provide all meals.

What kind of work will we be doing?

The primary work will be removing debris, removing trees, tarping roofs, and assisting families with whatever they need.

Should we bring tools?

Yes! Please bring any tools that you can, especially those that you would anticipate using for removing debris or tarping a roof.

Can we bring our youth group or our children?

No, during Rapid Response trips we require everyone to be **16 years or older**. If you arrive with a child younger than 16, they will not be able to volunteer.

What will be a typical day serving with Eight Days of Hope?

Breakfast will start at 7:00 am. We will spend 10-15 minutes together with a special time of worship and devotion before we head out to help the families. Lunch will be delivered or taken to the job sites by the volunteers. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. Sunday is the only day where we deviate from this schedule. We will not begin work until 11:00 am or after depending on church service times.

What times can we arrive to “check in” to Eight Days of Hope and where do we go?

On **Wednesday**, August 19 the check-in area will be open from **3:00 pm – 8:00 pm**. Every day after the check-in area will be open from **7:00 am – 8:00 pm**. The first meal will be dinner on the 19th. The last meal will be breakfast on Saturday, September 5th. Please check in at Faith Temple of Christ Church. The address is: **7601 Whitcomb St, Merrillville, IN 46410**.

What else can we do to prepare?

1. Please pray for the families that were affected and that God would move mightily through His people over the next week.
2. Volunteer! If you are reading this, you are doing that! Thank you!
3. We are hoping to receive donations to underwrite this event. If you, your family, or your church family are interested in making a donation, feel free to give on our website or send your gift to P.O. Box 3208, Tupelo, MS 38803. We greatly appreciate any contribution!

How do I sign up?

You can volunteer on our website under Volunteer on our homepage www.eightdaysofhope.com.

What should I bring?

- Rapid Response T-shirt. If you do not have one, one will be provided
- Bible
- Case of water, Gloves
- Cot, sleeping bag, twin air mattress, linens, pillow, blanket
- Towel, Toiletries
- If you have any additional questions, please email rapidresponse@eightdaysofhope.com or call 662-255-7565.