



Eight Days of Hope XII

Black River, SC October 8th – 15th, 2016

What is Eight Days of Hope XII all about?

The catastrophic floods that struck South Carolina in October of 2015 will go down in the history books. They brought destruction to over 16,000 homes with over 25 inches of rain in the first week. Many of these families did not have the proper insurance leaving them little resources with which to rebuild. This is where we come in! Eight Days of Hope is serving the Georgetown and Williamsburg counties through the Winyah Bay Longterm Recovery Group. The towns that we will be working in include, Kingstree, Andrews and Georgetown. Our goal is to use the gifts that God has given us to bless others and share the love of Jesus!

What is the cost to attend Eight Days of Hope XII?

It is free! We provide the food and the lodging! You just have to show up with a willing heart to serve! We rely on churches, businesses, individuals and our volunteers for donations. A typical budget for an Eight Days of Hope event can be anywhere between \$450,000 and \$500,000. Please consider donating to help these families rebuild!

What are the sleeping arrangements?

We will provide accommodations similar to our previous trips, churches, gyms and classrooms, segregated by gender. You will have the space to set up your own air mattresses, cots or foam pads that you bring from home. (Please keep the size of the air mattresses to queen size or less.) You may also bring a tent and camp outside if you prefer. There will be gender segregated showers and restrooms available. If you are coming as a family and desire to be housed together, we suggest you bring a tent, RV or pursue hotel accommodations.

If we want to book a hotel does Eight Days of Hope recommend any hotels in the area?

The local hotels are aware that Eight Days of Hope will be serving in the area in early October. Our headquarters will be based in Kingstree. The hotels that are available are priced between \$90.00 and \$129.00 a night. Book early to assure your space.

Do I have to bring my own food?

No. We will provide food for all of our volunteers. **We are looking for churches and businesses willing to underwrite this cost.** With a donation of \$3,000, a church or a business can supply the food necessary for one meal. Please email us at info@eightdaysofhope.com for more information. You can also elect to sponsor food for one entire day. Please consider doing either of these as the food costs for 2,500 volunteers will exceed \$80,000!

What kind of work will we be doing?

The primary work will be the rebuilding of damaged homes. This includes electrical wiring, insulation, flooring, drywall, carpentry and painting. There are about 70 roofs that need to be totally replaced. We are also in need of people who have mechanical and plumbing skills. Beyond home restoration there are many support jobs which include data entry, transportation, laundry, cleaning, and lunch delivery service. There is definitely something for everyone's skill set!

Should we bring tools?

Yes! Please bring any tools that you can, especially those that you would anticipate using. Air compressors, ladders, drills, drywall tools, paintbrushes...etc. are all needed. Eight Days of Hope has outfitted a tool trailer and will be bringing it to supplement any tools you may not own or bring.

Can we bring our youth group or our children?

Yes, Eight Days of Hope is very family friendly! Every youth volunteer (under the age of 18) that comes without a parent but instead with another adult will need a special notarized release signed by one of his/her parents that we will keep on file at the registration tables. You must bring this with you when you check in. You can find this form by clicking here: <http://eightdaysofhope.com/media/1092/affidavit-of-parental-consent.pdf>. We are asking for one adult chaperon for every four youth. Please remember that there will be unique sleeping arrangements separated by gender

Families bringing their children will work side by side at the jobsites. If families wish to sleep together, there are local motels, campgrounds and RV sites available.

Do we have to stay for all Eight Days?

No. We are asking each volunteer to come for at least three full days. Please honor this request.

Is transportation provided from the area airports?

Yes. We will provide transportation from Charleston, SC. The airport code is CHS. Please email waynev@eightdaysofhope.com if you need transportation. Shuttle service will be offered starting Friday, October 7th through Saturday morning, October 15th. Please note: If you arrive after 6:00 pm in the evening you will need to book a local hotel as we will shuttle you to headquarters the following morning. Also, if your flight departs prior to 9:00 am, we can take you to the airport area the night before.

Can we bring our pets?

No. We are sorry, but bringing pets is not allowed for health and safety reasons. Please respect this rule. **It will be strictly enforced.**

If we are coming with a group or as a family can we fill out one volunteer form?

No, each volunteer needs to fill out a volunteer form at www.eightdaysofhope.com and include an email address. In the comments section of the volunteer form please make note that you are coming with a group and include the name of the group, so we can try to lodge you at one site. All of the members of this group can use one email address for communication purposes. Every member of a family needs to register separately unless they are under the age of 18. A parent that registers, can register his/her children under the age of 18 on their volunteer form.

What will be a typical day at Eight Days of Hope XII?

Breakfast will start around 5:45 and conclude around 7:00. We will spend 30 minutes together with a special time of worship and devotion before we head out to the work sites. Lunch will be delivered to the job sites. Supper will begin at 6:00 and conclude at 7:15. An optional devotion and worship time will follow!

Will there be any medical support at Eight Days of Hope XII?

Yes. We will have at least one Registered Nurse onsite. If you are a medical professional and would like to be added to our list of medical resources, please make a note in the Comments section of your registration form. We will need additional support in this area.

Can I bring my RV?

Yes, but we do not have any more space at our lodging sites in Kingstree. The closest RV park we have located is Lighthouse Pointe Family RV. They are located in Manning, SC, which is about 24 miles away. Their phone number is 803.478.2138.

If we volunteer for the first day, Saturday, October 8th, when should we arrive?

The volunteer registration area will open at 2:00 pm on Friday, October 7th. On September 26th, you will receive detailed instructions with the information on where you are to go to check in and what to bring. The first meal we will provide will be supper on Friday, the 7th. If you choose to arrive that day, please arrive no later than 8:00 pm. Remember that we ask that you serve for a minimum of three days. Please honor that request.

What times can we arrive to “check in” to Eight Days of Hope?

The registration desk will be open from 6:30 am to 8:00 at night. Please plan to arrive between these times. If you arrive after 8:00 pm at our headquarters you will need to find a hotel until the morning.

Is there a cut-off date to volunteer for Eight Days of Hope XII?

Yes. The last day one can volunteer for Eight Days of Hope XII is Sunday, September 25th.

Are there any tools available for volunteers to promote Eight Days of Hope attendance or to help raise the financial support needed?

Yes! We have prepared a letter that you can use to present to your Missions Board or Church Leadership to help raise awareness or ask for financial support. We also have a letter that one can use to ask businesses or individuals to help offset the dollars needed by Eight Days of Hope. We have two videos on our website that you can download off YouTube to show at your church as well. One is 90 seconds long and the other is about four minutes long.

Is Eight Days of Hope on social media?

Yes, Facebook – Eight Days of Hope; Instagram – eightdaysofhope; Twitter - @8daysofhope
Please use the hashtag #8DOH when you use social media.

What else can we do to prepare for 8 Days of Hope XII?

Please pray that God would be glorified by our actions. Pray for safety both while we work and for travel mercies for the volunteers. Pray that God sends the people He wants to be a part of Eight Days of Hope XII. Pray that God will not only allow us to restore homes but that He opens up many doors for us as we encourage people in the name of Jesus Christ!