

# A Passion That Cannot Be Extinguished

When Hurricane Felix made landfall as a category 5 storm last September, it was the northern coast of Nicaragua that met its wrath. With 90 per cent of homes left without roofs and more than 130 people dead, hopes appeared crushed beneath the debris from the storm.

“Disasters cause great need and hurt to those affected. I believe that if God makes us aware of a need and gives us the means to meet that need, then our only response is to go,” said Becky Graves, a member of the Mississippi Disaster Relief Task Force.

Graves, one of 9 members from the Task Force to make a trip to Nicaragua in May through donations given to the Margaret Lackey offering, believes that helping people in need is a core teaching of the Bible.

“God often uses our obedient response to pave the way to help people not only physically but spiritually as well. Helping others in Jesus’ name never goes out of style,” she said. “A calling to do the work of the Lord is a passion that cannot be extinguished.”

Working in Santa Rosa, a village with just 28 families, the team built two houses, completed one that had already been started, and built benches for a local Baptist church in just five days. Combined funding from the Margaret Lackey offering and designated Disaster Relief funds continue to allow teams like this one make a difference in devastated areas.



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Colossians 4:5

## WHEREVER HE LEADS

# OFFERING ALLOCATIONS

## **Associational Mission Projects – \$200,000**

Margaret Lackey funding helps empower local mission initiatives in evangelism and community ministry. For information call David Michel at (800) 748-1651 or (601) 292-3231.

## **Garaywa Camp and Conference Center – \$400,000**

Home to over 1,800 girls each summer and year-round retreats. For information call Kay Cassibry (800) 748-1651 or (601) 292-3318.

## **Central Hills – \$400,000**

Serves as an exceptional 540 acre, year-round facility for church retreats and summer camp for boys. For information call Jim Ray at (662) 289-9730.

## **Christian Women's/Men's Job Corps – \$30,000**

Allocation provides leadership development, resources and promotion for CWJC/CMJC as each site helps men and women move from dependency to self sufficiency by obtaining job and life skills. For information call Tammy Anderson at (800) 748-1651 or (601) 292-3323.

## **New Church Starts – \$280,000**

Provides financial assistance and training for church planters to penetrate lostness across our state. For information call Ed Deuschle at (800) 748-1651 or (601) 292-3224.

## **Criminal Justice Ministries – \$50,000**

Trains prison volunteers and provides leaders, Bibles, and Discipleship studies to inmates. For information call Charles Jones at (662) 846-7676.

## **Cross Cultural Outreach – \$50,000**

Recognizes the various language, ethnic and culture groups in Mississippi, and offers gospel insight through leadership training and missional strategies. For information call David Michel at (800) 748-1651 or (601) 292-3364.

## **Disaster Relief – \$60,000**

Over 200 members of the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief Team work with communities as first responders to give care and hope in crisis. For information call Jim Didlake at (800) 748-1651 or (601) 292-3338.

## **College & University Outreach – \$50,000**

Provides program assistance for campus ministry to International and African-American students, and missions mobilization assistance for those involved in campus and church student ministries. For information, contact Weaver McCracken at (800) 748-1651 or (601) 292-3299.

## **Language Ministry – \$10,000**

Trains leaders to teach other people to read and speak English, providing an open door for sharing the Gospel message. For information call Paula Smith at (800) 748-1651 or (601) 292-3336.

## **Pastoral Benevolence – \$20,000**

Provides financial relief and counseling for ministers and their families recovering from professional turmoil. For information call Steve Stone at (800) 748-1651 or (601) 292-3225.

## **Volunteer Missionary Assistance - \$600,000**

Assists short-term volunteers from Mississippi Baptist churches to serve in North American and International Missions. For information call Ken Rhodes at (800) 748-1651 or (601) 292-3239.

## WHAT IS GOD LEADING YOU TO GIVE?

