

Hello SOM Partners,

Just a quick update on what's happening with Steppin Out for the next few weeks. As you know, during the months of Nov/Dec our teams were busy with Disaster response projects in Englewood, FL. Much of their time was spent with heavy debris removal, removing downed trees, etc as we partnered with Samaritan's Purse in this clean up effort. Our host Church was (and still is) Calvary Baptist Church right there in Englewood. This church made a huge commitment to SP as they made themselves available for teams coming and going from across America. The thing is; This church was hit too from Hurricane Ian and suffered quite a bit of damage to the roof, gym walls/floor, some Sunday School walls and so on. Calvary has been hosting nearly 200 volunteers each week for the past 4 months. 200 volunteers eating, sleeping, using the facility as it needed some tender loving care of its own. John has been so burdened to help this church that just before he left to come for Christmas, he met with the Pastor (John Boutchia) and discussed bringing back some Steppin Out Missions teams to strictly work on their building. Pastor John was so appreciate of the offer, but knew he had to wait on Insurance, inspections, city officials, etc to give the OK on moving forward with renovations, so he asked John if he would let him contact him when all that was finished and they were ready to begin the rebuild.

Well, that call came in about 10 days ago and now John and a team of 7 others will be leaving this Sunday the 22nd and heading to Englewood to begin the work on Calvary Baptist Church. Right now it will mostly be dry-walling, electrical, plumbing, etc. The guys plan to be there for at least 2 weeks, perhaps a few days into the third week, but John is confident they can knock out a huge piece of getting this church back to where it was before the storm.

Some of you may be thinking why we aren't responding to the recent tornado damage in AL/GA; well, we have been asked to go, but conversations with SP are that they want John to stay the course of assisting Calvary and then perhaps the need for us to go to the tornado area will still be necessary in early February. So, we would appreciate your prayers as the team packs to go. Pray that our team would be a blessing to Calvary and as they interact with all the SP volunteers that are still there in Englewood (at this church) that they would see/hear all that God continues to do in the lives of people. It will so encourage them and bless them to hear the nightly testimonies of how God met them in their time of pain, loss, destruction and hopelessness. Our God is just, full of mercy & grace and His love reaches into the deepest of pain and loss!!

Here are the team members that you can pray specifically: John Corley, Rusty Walters, Jim Gordon, Aaron Minard (All Alpine Bible Church), Scott Stephens (Seville, OH), Steve Reutepohler (Trinity E Free) and Titus Brown (Camp Barakel). I love how God puts a team together 😊

Thank you for praying. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

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