

Brethren Hurricane Response – Volunteer Alert!

Over 400,000 homes were destroyed in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas by 2004 and 2005 hurricanes. Many thousand more were severely damaged. Come join the vital mission. Together we can build one new home and repair three homes each week.

Be a Volunteer Leader:

- Long term project leadership
- Cooks and Cook Assistants (Stipends are available for project leadership staying 3 or more months)

Locate or Donate Equipment:

- 2 or More Heavy Duty Trucks
- 2 or More Vans
- Tool Trailer and tools

Raise Funds for Building Materials

Sign up to help or for more information: 800-451-4407 or ersm_gb@brethren.org

Volunteer for a Week or More:

- 75 Volunteers – Skilled and Unskilled – each week!

Please contact your District Disaster Response Coordinator to participate as a weekly volunteer.

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Nigerian Brethren hold 59th annual church conference

Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN--the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) held its 59th annual "majalisa" or assembly meeting of its legislative body on March 28-April 1, with some 1,000 church delegates in attendance. The theme of this year's majalisa was "Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus," which was also the theme for the 2005 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference. Guest speaker for each evening worship session was Robert Krouse, Nigeria mission coordinator for the Global Mission Partnerships office of the Church of the Brethren General Board. Krouse also supplied this report from the majalisa.

Messages for worship focused on the first three groups to first fix their eyes on Jesus (the angels, shepherds, and wise men); the foot washing passage in John 13; and fixing our eyes on the cross from 1 Corinthians 2:2. "Sharing the good news, and an attitude of worship will continue to be the experience of those who fix their eyes on Jesus," Krouse said. "Jesus washed...feet to illustrate four important activities in the life of a believer: walk humbly, live as a servant, love your enemies (Jesus wash Judas' feet knowing that he would betray him), continue the work of Jesus.... The power of God is conferred upon those who deny themselves, take us the cross and follow Jesus," he said.

Delegates took up a love offering of about 40,000 Naira (\$300) to express their support to the churches in Maiduguri that were damaged and destroyed in inter-religious violence in March. The majalisa received with gratitude the letter of support and solidarity penned during the March meeting of the Church of the Brethren General Board. **Filibus Gwama, EYN president**, read the letter to the delegate body. [Filibus was in Bethany Seminary with Pastor Carol]

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