

Beyond the Walls
Pass Christian, Mississippi
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Below is an testimonial from Donna Collins on our trip to Pass Christian...

It's hard to put into words what we found when we arrived in Mississippi. It is nearly two years after Katrina and my thoughts were that we would be helping to wrap up the rebuilding efforts however that was not the case. I quickly found that rebuilding will be going on for quite sometime. I don't think anyone can even begin to know the damage that this one storm did to this community... except those who lived through it. I feel so blessed to have been a small part of helping these individuals rebuild their homes and their lives. Hearing the stories of each one we met and what they went through and are still going through just made my heart ache for each of them. They are very proud people and very grateful for all the help. God was good to each of us...although the weather was hot and humid and the work hard we all did what was needed and God saw to it that we accomplished his mission.

Having the opportunity to meet other Sugarloafers was such a blessing. Some I knew and some I only knew there faces but what a wonderful way to meet your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and share this time together.

The one thing that happened that I have to say made my heart full was I had an opportunity to meet someone from our church that I did not know, at least not in person. When I was leading the prayer team a few years back we had received a prayer request from this individual. I sent her a note to let her that the prayer team was praying for her and her situation. Little did I know what that note would mean to her. I was blessed to ride in the same car with her to Mississippi and when I introduced myself she smiled and said I have something to show you. She still had the note I had written her, she said she kept it in her bible and was hoping to meet me someday so she could tell me how much that note meant to her. It was such a blessing to know just a simple note to let someone know you were praying for them would be so powerful. It made me realize that the reason I had for going on this mission trip wasn't completely the reason God wanted me to go. You never know what will happen when you go on a mission trip. I can't wait for the next one.

Donna Collins