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Dear Matt,

This morning before the dawn breaks in Pass Christian, Mississippi, I am writing about the breaking news that Restoration Point has moved another family in their home. This news is not the kind that will shake the world and captivate the hearts of most people, but those of us who believe in the healing power of Jesus can feel the ground shake and our hearts rejoice. Our belief is simple...building a home, healing emotional trauma, providing love is important, but it pales to the sharing of the love of Jesus Christ to those most vulnerable.

Annie "Didi" Lewis suffered through an embarrassing evacuation only to return to the place she called home and find she had lost all she had to Hurricane Katrina. She was so traumatically impacted that she required over a year of therapy and struggled to even return to her home of Pass Christian. Ms. Didi came to Restoration Point for help. With assistance from the American Red Cross, we gently began the rebuilding of her home and her life. It is amazing what can happen in a little over a year! Ms. Didi is full of life, hope, and excitement about her new home. She will soon be providing the much needed service of daycare for 12 children in her home.

Sugarloaf United Methodist Church has been a part of this success and your commitment to sending loving and caring teams of people has borne real fruit in Ms. Didi's case and in so many more families here along the Gulf Coast of Mississippi. Your church, as a partner in this fight, has the ability to see through the despair and celebrate these victories in Mississippi. With every family we help get settled, a new and hope-filled page is turned.

As the Gulf Coast turns the corner into year three of this horrific disaster, Restoration Point and these families continue to need your help. Fewer and fewer organizations are still assisting in the Katrina Disaster and as you know from your experience, this is cause for serious concern and serious action. Please consider pledging financial support to maintain the Restoration Point mission in Mississippi. Your support will directly allow Restoration Point to remain a vital source of hope and help for the vulnerable families struggling to rebuild and recover.

In addition, please plan to send more teams down to help rebuild – over a weekend or for a week. You have seen firsthand the scope of this fight, and you know the long term need to assist in the true recovery effort. Allow God to supply the tools for your toolbox.



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The mission team from Sugarloaf United Methodist Church helped impact the lives of many distressed people. Will you continue your support and be an advocate in the church for Restoration Point? We have enclosed two envelopes, one for a pledge for monthly support to maintain our volunteer center and a second envelope to let us know about your plans to send additional mission teams in 2008.

Restoration Point will continue the fight and we remain confident in the future of assisting families recover. We humbly seek your prayers, your encouragements, and your letters to families here.

Blessings to you,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of "Jim" in cursive script.

Jim Sullenger
Executive Director

*Matt,
Merry Christmas!
Thanks for your help
Blessings to all!
Jim*

Day Care Ready for Children

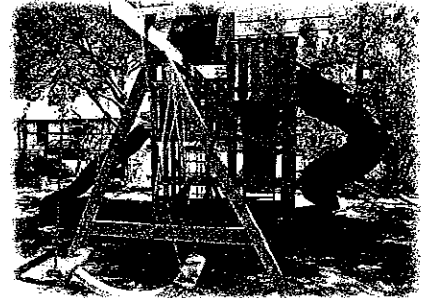
Thursday, November 08, 2007, Pass Christian, Mississippi

Restoration Point Foundation is pleased to announce the completion of a wonderful home, valuable source of income for a family, and the creation of a business that will enable parents to have a safe place for their children during the day.



Miss Annie Lewis (Didi) was a certified practicing day care provider in Pass Christian, Mississippi prior to the Hurricane Katrina. She evacuated before to the storm but was devastated upon her return to learn that she had lost everything in the largest natural disaster in United States history. Her losses included her home, her day care facility within that home, and priceless memories of serving others for 28 years. In Pass Christian, a city with a population of 6,700, 86% of homes were destroyed and 100% of businesses. Miss Didi spent over a year in therapy and finally was ready to begin the long road of

rebuilding. Restoration Point began a long journey to provide love, grant writing, volunteer coordination, and construction planning to design and build the new facility. As Miss Didi continued with local therapy she began to interact with the more than 20 volunteer teams that provided assistance, emotional support, and love.



What began as the darkest chapter in her life is now the brightest! Miss Didi has enthusiastically learned new skills and worked alongside the volunteer teams as the project grew closer to completions. Not only does this allow her to have a sense of pride and ownership in the construction of her house, but she has said that learning these skills will allow her to help other families in her community rebuild their homes. She has traveled the emotional distance from paralysis to participant and provider.

Restoration Point Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to the rebuilding of homes for the most vulnerable following a disaster, while providing emotional and spiritual support. You are reading this announcement because your church, your school, or your organization was a part of this effort. Together we have worked to impact a community and change the life of one woman, many children, many families, and provide hope in a small community.

We welcome your prayers, your notes of encouragements to our families, and your financial support. You may send also contributions in support of Didi to help her first year of operation.

Saving Generations

Friday, November 30, 2007, Pass Christian, Mississippi

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, three women stood staring at a pile of rubble with everything relating to their family history was scattered and destroyed by the storm surge along with the house that was the birthplace of many generations. This is the story of Mrs. Emma Swanier (swan-yea) and her four generation family and their struggle to rebuild following Hurricane Katrina.



Ms. Emma is 87 years old and is battling terminal cancer and has but one wish, to return to her birthplace before she passes away. Her daughter, Ms. Margaret, is the primary caretaker of the family and lost her husband to kidney failure prior to the storm. Alisha, Margaret's daughter, was also living in the house with her four children, Deonte, Reonte, Taliah, and Alijah, all under the age of 12. The four children are amazingly resilient and cheerful during this incredibly difficult time.

They are a cohesive unit, great students, and love singing and going to church.

To provide for the children, each month Ms. Emma, Ms. Margaret, and Alisha pool their resources to make ends meet. Just after Katrina, Alisha discovered a tumor and underwent treatment immediately. It has since reemerged and been re-diagnosed as breast cancer. Despite this, she is determined to finish nursing school. The family currently lives in a FEMA issued trailer located 30 miles from Pass Christian. This adds to the hardships having been removed from their network of neighbors, friends, and family.

With a seemingly insurmountable obstacle to find a way to rebuild and return to their home of Pass Christian, one would think that this family would have all but given up. That could not be further from the truth. Through the hardships of living in a confined trailer and dealing with health concerns, the Swanier family remains thankful for their blessings, leans on God for strength and courage, and is looking forward to their return home, their home of Pass Christian.

Restoration Point with the American Red Cross began the long journey to provide love, grant writing, volunteer coordination, and construction planning to design and build a new home. The exterior construction of the home is complete with the interior work underway. We need your help to finish this project strong and to meet the ever changing needs for this family, and provide a safe, clean environment for Ms. Emma, Ms. Margaret, Alisha, Deonte, Reonte, Taliah, and Alijah.



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