

Monday - March 31

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?² And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?² And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matt 25:37-40 (NRSV)

Adventures and travel are my favorite things to do. Sailing with my grandfather, horseback riding with my dad, rafting and camping are wonderful memories I will always cherish.

When my eldest child started high school and was eligible to go to Work Camp with the church, I was not shy about volunteering to go! It sounded like an adventure I could not pass up!

My third Work Camp was in New Orleans a year after Katrina hit. I was assigned with another adult and 12 teens to a house that was hit the hardest. Our house belonged to George who had lived most of his life there and was living in a FEMA trailer on his property. He brought us inside his home and showed us his backdoor. It had a water mark that reached 29" above the floor. George told us the water was there for 2-3 weeks.

Our job was to drywall. The first thing we did was pray together. We prayed that we would do our best for George so he could live out his life in his home. George would come in at noon and join us for lunch and devotions. He would share a little about himself every day. When he first saw his home, he was devastated. We finished the dry wall and George gave it the thumbs up sign. He thanked us again and we thanked him for having faith in us to do our best. The next crew would come next week and start the next project. I will never forget the sacrifice the adults and teens made to come, work hard, and to better someone's life. It was so rewarding!

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