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Dear Prayer Warriors,

Our "Volunteer Season" is upon us! Each year at this time RV's start showing up from all over the country! These RV's bring wonderful servants of God to help in the ministry for our retired missionaries. These faithful servants haul their rigs to Florida to have a "vacation with a purpose." Each year there is a large variety of projects for these faithful men and women to accomplish for the kingdom of God. The projects range from mechanical work in the shop to replacing siding on a duplex, from installing a skylight to cleaning windows. Inside we have vertical blinds and smoke detectors to install; outside there is concrete to pour and dirt to haul in preparation for additional duplexes. All of us here at NTM Homes are truly thankful that the Lord sends these wonderful people our way each year.

This year was the first time in recorded history that two category 4 hurricanes made US landfall in one year. Hurricane Harvey struck Texas while Hurricane Irma made its path through central Florida. Only one other storm — Allen in 1980 — had stronger recorded sustained winds than Irma. The Sanford Airport recorded sustained winds of 50.6 mph with 74 mph gusts. Every county in the entire state felt the effects of Irma, and these hurricane force winds belted us for many hours through the



night. We praise the Lord no one here was injured. For the size of the storm, the building damage was minimal. Water blew in under a couple of doors, a few shingles were ripped off some roofs, and one water line was broken from the tree roots, but all in all, minor damage compared to what potentially could have happened. Praise the Lord with us for safety in the storm.

The State of Florida is now requiring nursing homes and assisted living facilities to have the capability of keeping their frail seniors cool with generator power. Some of our aging AC units are wearing out and need to be replaced soon anyway. The total project is estimated to cost nearly \$150,000. While only \$67,000 of that total has been donated to date, we feel the time to start is now. We will begin with the

engineering and the wiring, and we ask you to pray with us that the rest of the needed funding will come in very soon. Pray ... and should the Lord move you to be a part of the answer to that prayer, you may designate your gift "for the Latham A/C Project."



Cleaning up after a hurricane makes people feel their age, especially when the power is out. Twentyfive percent of our staff is already at retirement age. Over the next five years, fifteen or more of our staff members will reach that age. Please pray with us that God would raise up younger men and women to fill those roles to care for "our" aging missionaries.

Looking for His Glorious Return,

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