



The religious education building/parish hall of St. Paul's Church in Raleigh, the mission of Magee, suffered damage when a falling tree hit the front of the building, ripping off the electric meter and pan of the roof. // El edificio para educación religiosa/salón parroquial de la Iglesia de San Pablo en Raleigh, la misión de Magee, sufrió daños cuando un árbol cayó sobre la fachada del edificio, arrancando el medidor eléctrico y parte del tejado.

personal project for me. When I was a child, my family moved every nine months, so I know how frightening it is to go to a new school in a new state where you don't know anyone. Many of the families fled Katrina at the last minute with only the clothes on their backs. Some came thinking they would be going home in two or three days, but now they have no home and no possessions to go back to.

Father Judge said that as Missionary Servants all of our works should be characterized by our relationship with the youth. I decided not to go the generic charity rummage route with the clothes for these children and teens. Instead we have been raising funds so we could give them Wal-Mart gift cards to they could get the sizes, styles, and colors they like. Clothes are important especially to teens. Allowing

them to pick out their own clothes and pay for them with the gift cards will help them begin to feel better about their new home and about themselves. It is a beginning.

As we began this project to help the displaced children, I have been astounded by the generosity of benefactors and of our own people here. Even though many have lost a lot and are looking at serious repair bills to their homes, they have given generously to help these children, children they don't even know.

The two weeks since Katrina have been exhausting for me. It was not the lack of food or water or air conditioning in the Mississippi summer heat that drained me. There was so much to be done, so many needs. I talked with a couple who had a tree crash through their home in the middle of the storm and told me how afraid they were. A mother shared with me that her 6-year-old son asked her if he was going to die. "It's not fair. Jennifer has lived longer than me!" Jennifer is his 11-year-old sister. I listened as a man asked why God was picking on him. His business was destroyed as the hurricane wind blew off the roof and 15 inches of rain ruined everything inside.

The media can show the material destruction left behind by Katrina, but a CNN camera can not capture the emotional and spiritual wounds. That's why helping the children and teens is so important now. I spoke with a girl who is a senior this year. She had her future planned and now she is in a new school in a new state where she doesn't know anyone.

No one will ever forget Hurricane Katrina or the images of New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, but there are two things I will always remember: the incredible spirit of the people here and the overwhelming will of our benefactors and people all over the country to help in some way the survivors of the most destructive hurricane in our history. V

from Dave Hamm in **Tucker**

Hurricane Katrina came directly over Holy Rosary Church in Tucker. It was the strongest storm ever to hit Neshoba County. We have been greatly blessed. The shingles on the rectory and on the hall here at Holy Rosary need to be replaced.

Lots of trees down, probably 20 or so will have to be removed since they are near the highway or in parts of the property that we keep cut. I have not gone into the woods yet. There were no fatalities and no injuries to my knowledge in Neshoba County as ➡