

Mercy in times of disaster

“Why is this happening to me or my community?” This is a common question after a natural disaster. When someone comes to help, it may be followed with “Why are you helping me?” The Bible tells us in Gal. 6:10a: “So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone.”

Lutheran Disaster Care, Inc (LDC) is a ministry to the whole person (body and soul) and part of the outreach is providing Bibles and devotional materials for spiritual care. Just being present is also a special gift to those in need. Gift cards are often provided to meet some of the physical needs of disaster victims.

Funds from LWML Texas District mites have allowed LDC to respond to hurricanes Laura, Delta and Ida, along with other natural disasters. LDA has partnered with congregations to reach hurting people with timely gifts, Bibles and prayers. Partnering with the congregation provides an opportunity for ongoing spiritual connections.

In addition to the Bibles and gift cards made possible because of your mites, Lutheran Disaster Care helps with tree removal, clean up, interior rebuilding while offering prayers and a witness. Another aspect of the mission is Lutheran Early Response Training (LERT), which prepares individuals to provide help following a disaster.

There is no telling how many people the Holy Spirit has and will reach through this ministry. God’s Word is powerful, and LDC is blessed to share it with those they are helping.

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From left, David Ricks, Rev. Andrew Schlund, Rev. Tim Schutt and Dan Cown shared blessings with those in need near New Orleans and Metairie, La., following Hurricane Ida.



▲ When the need and devastation seem overwhelming, God sometimes sends His love through human hands.

◀ Tree removal often provides an opportunity to witness for Christ as this cross reminds all of our Creator and His presence.