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Hello again from New Orleans,

After a bit of a false start this morning we found the second house we will work on this week. This house is unusual in that the family was well into remodeling the house when the hurricane came. The drywall was all new and not quite finished, and there were a few new fixtures around, if not installed, and there were all of their tools. While it was an easier house to start working on, there is no house or situation that does not help us further understand the reality for people here. Like for example, we know that this family were remodeling the house themselves, so they have the ability to work to rebuild their home. But how do you do that without any tools, and when you are living in Houston because that is where there is work? There are no easy situations or answers here.



Every Wednesday *Mercy Response* also serves a free meal in a park in a part of town where there are a number of FEMA trailer villages nearby. So this evening we helped serve more than 600 meals. It was a powerful experience, but none of us wants lasagna or bread pudding for awhile.



Again, if you want to know more you can go to www.mercyresponse.com.

We love you and miss you and can't wait to see you all when we return,
*John Avery, Marvin & Gail Barzee, Ed & Vi Cotter, David Heyer, Kim Krohn,
Sydney Sherwood, Marge Papke, & Pastor Jeff*