

- Pray for the Sines family and the volunteers who will build their new home
- Financially support the project

WHY GET INVOLVED?

Volunteers with CRWRC say this....

"...clients served by the CRWRC—DRS program are among those who are normally not valued by our culture: they are often poor, old, physically challenged, and without hope after suffering great loss in natural disasters. Their physical losses are too often compounded by a bewildering process of restoration and by unscrupulous contractors. DRS ministers to the least of these by sending successive waves of volunteers to rebuild homes of these victims. My wife and I have been volunteering with DRS for five years. We do it as an act of discipleship, responding to the command to 'act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with our God' (Micah 6:8). By loving our clients we give the gift of value; we are blessed by their testimonies of grace and strong faith. When we see their smiles and hear their expressions of gratitude we know we have given the gift of hope." Bruce & Ruth Hekman—Faith CRC

"..working for Disaster Response Services is something I look forward to. After nine outings, helping and meeting those who have been crushed by disasters has been a real blessing. God has given everyone some talent, and DRS provides us with the opportunity to serve others in Christ's name." Dick Yskes—Graafschap CRC

"...one of the most difficult things for me to do is put into words my experiences in serving with Disaster Response Services. I believe the most blessed thing I've learned in 17 years and 35 sites is the truth that it really is more blessed to give than to receive. I would encourage anyone who desires to learn this to serve with DRS." Jim Bareman – Central Ave.

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2 Bedrooms / 1 Bath 748 Square Feet



Home Building Blitz October 2007 Hattiesburg, Mississippi

*Challenge to Classis Holland
Churches to raise \$45,000 and
build a home for the Sines family
in one month with volunteers!*

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee Disaster Response Services Home Building Blitz

October 2007

Holland Deacons' Conference

272 East 26th Street, Holland, MI

616-494-6050

The Holland Deacons' Conference accepted the challenge from CRWRC –DRS to finance and build a home this fall for a displaced family in the Katrina area. Classis Holland, as a group of churches, is the first to step forward with a commitment—hopefully many more will follow!

WHERE?

Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in conjunction with a strong DRS partner R3SM (Recover, Rebuild, Restore Southeast Mississippi).

WHEN?

We project everything will be in place for the first volunteer teams to begin work October 1, 2007 and have the home completed within four weeks.



Gary & Vernell Sines

FOR WHOM?

We labor for the Lord....We also hope to provide a new home for Gary and Vernell Sines. Both Mr. & Mrs. Sines are disabled and live on Social Security Disability Income. Their home was severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina and they are now living in temporary trailer quarters on their property.

USING WHAT PLANS?

We expect to build a home with approximately 900 square feet (very similar to the plan on the cover). It will likely be “pre-framed” construction, where a partially assembled home is delivered by truck with everything that is needed.

COST?

Total costs, (including site prep, building and basic landscaping) are expected to be \$45,000. *Classis Holland Churches will be raising the funds to build this home!* It is our hope that all Classis Holland churches will be involved at some level—raising the \$45,000 needed to build and send volunteers to get the job done! In the last year, churches of Classis Holland have sent out over 200 volunteers and have contributed \$150,000 toward CRWRC's efforts across the US. For this “Building Blitz” , individual and church gifts should be made payable to CRWRC-DRS but sent to the HDC office at 272 East 26th Street, Holland, MI 49423.

WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?

R3SM: Get permits, build foundation and provide volunteer housing.

CRWRC –DRS: approve the recipient of the home, provide coordination of volunteer applications, consultation and support.

Classis Holland Churches: support the project through prayer, volunteers and finances.

HDC: spearhead the project and promote volunteerism and support.

Jerry Nyhof: will serve as the Project Manager, assisting with building plans, deployment of volunteers, overseeing construction, coordinating with DRS, R3SM and HDC.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

This may be the first work experience with CRWRC—welcome! We are setting up one week work commitments for this project so that volunteers from many of our churches will be able to participate.

- Complete a CRWRC-DRS group volunteer application! These will be available at the HDC office 616-494-6050 or at your church.