

Chaplains Experience Trailer Park Transformation

Hurricane? What hurricane?

In Bergen County, N.J., two trailer parks that were hammered by the “perfect storm” in late October, now hardly show any visible sign that a hurricane had come through.

Even Kate Poll, one of the Rapid Response Team **chaplain** coordinators, can hardly believe her eyes at the difference between now and then.

“When you look at the property itself, there was so much garbage everywhere,” Poll said. “Driving through today, the garbage has been cleaned up ... you wouldn’t know there was a disaster here.

“It’s amazing what the Lord has done in these two trailer parks.”

That amazement doesn’t stop at the physical appearance of the two neighborhoods. A **spiritual cleansing** has taken place in Bergen County, where 19 chaplains have prayed with more than 680 residents.

Sharing the hope and love of Christ as the long recovery process continues.

“It has been a complete work of the **Holy Spirit**,” Poll said. “Every time we’ve gone into that trailer park we could sense the presence of the Lord.”

Providing emotional and **spiritual care** to the residents of this storm-tattered region, the crisis-trained chaplains oftentimes get the opportunity to share about the lasting hope that only Christ can provide.

“It’s as if He’s walking before us, preparing the hearts of the people,” Poll said. “And when they hear the message, they’re ready to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

“I’ve never seen it like this in any other deployment. People have just been eager to hear the message. One day in one hour and fifteen minutes there were four decisions for Christ.”

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