

Willowbrook

Disaster Relief Ministry

God's People Serving People in Their Time of Need



Volunteers from both campuses of Willowbrook gathered in the vicinity of Orvil Smith Road in Harvest and spent the morning cutting fallen trees, dragging brush to the road, and cleaning up debris left by the tornadoes of April 27, 2011. The work was exhausting, but there was a unique fulfillment

that came from working “as unto the Lord.”

Next training is
Friday, April 13, noon through
Saturday, April 14, noon. Held at
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As the day was winding down, and volunteers and saw chains were beginning to wear down, we came to a house totally surrounded by fallen trees mixed with trash and building materials. Our leaders huddled in an impromptu meeting to determine whether to begin

another yard or call it a day. The job was large considering the remaining daylight but fortunately Rob rallied us all to take on one more.

As we finished the work the home owners came out to thank us and ask about the motives behind our volunteering. We explained we were from Willowbrook and were doing what we could to help our neighbors in obedience to our understanding of Jesus' commands. Eventually, as

“It’s amazing how much a hug can help! It’s not about the material things but being there, you know, like family. It feels great!” -Lisa

the trees and debris were gathered to the roadside, we broke out the Gatorade. After hugs all around and blessings to our new friends we piled in our vehicles and headed for home.

That was five months ago and, though I’ve thought of that day since, I really hadn’t given the ongoing work of God much thought. So you can understand my surprise upon reading a warm note of thanks and finding a check to Willowbrook for five hundred dollars. Our friends asked that some of the money go to our youth group who was heavily



represented that day back in April. God doesn’t always show us the results from our acts of obedience this side of Heaven but it was a glorious reminder that one day we, and all of Heaven, will share in the celebration of His faithful use of even our smallest acts of obedience.

Willowbrook at Madison (WAM) plans to use the money to fund another youth volunteer project and then send a follow-up note back to our new friends. He has already prepared blessings for us far beyond what we have asked or imagined. -Kevin

