

# Anahuac Comeback

## Every Little Bit Helps

**Medical Emergency Fund** - In a little more than a month, the \$2,500 fund to help with medical expenses has been completely used. People have received help with antibiotics, blood pressure meds, anti-inflammatory medicine and glucose testing supplies. One Hankamer resident who had a stroke just after Ike has been able to return home thanks to medication this fund has provided. Rosenberg UMC Missions is sending a second donation so this ministry can continue. **WAY TO GO ROSENBERG UMC!**

**The Rodrigues Family** in Smith Point welcomed an energetic work team April 18 to help hang sheet rock in two front rooms. With leaders Jim and Carlton from MBUMC, the team worked side by side with family and friends. Mrs. Rodrigues cooked a delicious lunch. A \$700 Lowe's gift card was given for repairs on the little house where 17 people are living together. The family has chosen paint colors to finish the newly sheet rocked rooms. Thanks to a bargain price on paint, through a Mission Bend UMC member, Patty Lacy, who is manager at Sherwin Williams in Katy, Anahuac Comeback will send the interior and exterior paint to complete the work.

**Balls and Math and Coloring-** The Joy Ministry in April delivered 80 soccer balls and footballs and sacks of new coloring books and crayons to be distributed to Smith Point kids. Balls were given away during weekly free tutoring was in session at the VFD. Anahuac's teacher of the year, Cherry Morris, creatively turned the arrival of the balls into a math lesson, and the children practiced recognizing pentagon and hexagon shapes. By afternoon kids were kicking their new balls at home. Faith UMC donated the balls, and Faith School for Young Children sent the coloring books and crayons. **WAY TO GO FAITH UMC! WAY TO GO FAITH SCHOOL!**

**Building the Team** - We are working to add other church groups to the comeback ministry in coming weeks. There are opportunities to work with UMW from Spring Woods UMC and the missions team from Missouri City UMC. Just when recruiting workers is getting tough, God sends more help! Mission Bend UMC gets top honors for recruiting volunteers the first quarter of 2009. Their MISSION POSSIBLE initiative is a huge success both in the Anahuac area and in local church outreach. **WAY TO GO MBUMC!!**

**Tobias** - After couch hopping since Ike, Tobias has a trailer home at last. Tobias needs *everything for the trailer*: table and chairs, a couch, kitchen things, lamps, small electrics, stove and fridge, whatever else it takes to furnish the trailer. If you have things to donate, call Margaret Lawley to arrange pick-up or a delivery.

**Comeback t-shirts** have been ordered and are available for work crew, joy team, and other supporters. Check with Margaret Lawley to get your T-shirt. Plan to wear it when you come on the May work trip.

**They will know we are Christians by our love.**

Anahuac Comeback is a ministry of First United Methodist Church of Rosenberg, TX, Reverend John Black, Senior Pastor, in cooperation with Faith United Methodist Church and St. John's United Methodist Church of Richmond, Christ United Methodist of Sugar Land, Mission Bend UMC and East Bernard UMC. For more information access our web site [www.acomeback.org](http://www.acomeback.org) or email Margaret Lawley at [molawley@yahoo.com](mailto:molawley@yahoo.com)

April 30, 2009

### Work Trip Dates

Saturday May 23

Saturday June 20

Saturday, July 18

Visit: [www.acomeback.org](http://www.acomeback.org)



Rodriguez Family-SmithPoint

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April Work Crew: Jill, Carlton, Rudy, Allan, Jennifer, Marcia, Darrel - ready to go!

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## May 23 Work Trip Information

Work Trip Dates May 23, June 20, July 18

**What do we do?** Please Sign Up. Call or email one of the contacts listed below. Clean-up of roadways, parks and beaches is high priority. Fixing houses includes cleaning, tearing down walls, floors, & ceilings, hanging sheetrock, painting, carpentry, plumbing, and roofing. Whatever it takes to get lives back to normal.

**Who can help?** If you can put a can in a trash bag, or hit a nail with a hammer, or you can bring a worker a drink of water, you are needed. We take old and young, women and men, everyone can participate in some way. Other volunteers can help with craft activities for children and families while the work team does rebuilding.

**Where are we going?** We serve communities in Central Chambers County. The county seat is Anahuac - about 1-1/2 hours drive from Richmond out I-10 East. Communities of Oak Island, Smith Point, Double Bayou, and Hankamer surround Anahuac with homes, churches and public areas damaged by Hurricane Ike. **MAY trip will meet at Smith Point Volunteer Fire Dept, Smith Point TX** Take I-10 East to TX Hwy 61 and go south thirty miles. In Smith Point, turn left after closed "Vin Ta Um" store. Smith Point is 2 hours from Richmond.

**What should I bring?** Wear comfortable work clothes and shoes. If you have rubber boots bring them. You'll need work gloves and a hat. Sunscreen and bug spray may be helpful. We provide masks, gloves, trash bags and most of the tools. Bring your drinking water and snacks. Bring a lawn chair for breaks. Bring this newsletter so you'll have contact phone numbers with you.

**When do we start?** Volunteers meet at the work site at 9 am.

**How do I get there?** Some people drive their own vehicles, others join carpools that meet at churches. Church vans may be used. Let us know if you need a ride.

**When do we go home?** Quitting time varies. We leave when we are finished with the assignment, when we are too tired to lift our arms, or when it gets dark. Some people have to leave early for various reasons.

**What do we eat?** Bring your own snacks and drinks. Lunch is served for the work crew.

**Is there easier work I can do?** Usually our Joy Team has morning activities for mothers and children in the area where we are working. Several volunteers are needed each trip to plan, organize, and clean up after the joy project.

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