

June 2008

Dear Friends,

June 1 just rolled around and for those of us on the Mississippi Coast , that means hurricane season. This year, two and a half years after hurricane Katrina, we closed down our full-time hurricane restoration and renewal effort and I personally on behalf of our staff, elders, deacons and congregation want to thank the PCA for your work to help not only our congregation at First Presbyterian Church of Biloxi, but also our city and region. You prayed for us, and sent volunteers and materials. Some work teams returned to our church more than a dozen times to help in rebuilding the Gulf Coast . Your efforts blessed not only Biloxi but Gulfport as well. Because of you, we were literally able to assist families from the Alabama line to the Louisiana line. You are still reaching the hard hit areas of Bay St. Louis and New Orleans. It is extremely hard to express in words the acts of kindness and deeds of mercy shown in honor of our Lord.

On behalf of First Presbyterian Church of Biloxi I would also like to thank Bob and Mary Lee Bolitho. Bob is a PCA elder from South Carolina who gave the Gulf Coast over 2 years of his life to coordinate Disaster Response along with one of our elders, David Brand.

The PCA, through MNA Disaster Response, regularly sent us disaster coordinators until Bob committed to remain with us, they coordinated work teams and supervised financial help in a time of great need and chaos.

Again, thank you PCA for your dedication to the Gulf Coast.

Sincerely,

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