

HURRICANE SANDY'S VISIT TO OUR HOME

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When Hurricane Sandy visited our little town of Union Beach, New Jersey, she left behind many reminders that she was there. Some homes in our neighborhood were obliterated, foundations from others were shifted, and flooding was everywhere. The bay was literally in our homes. Our home sustained foundational and much flood damage.

"The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever."

Psalm 29:10



Our Neighborhood



The Kindness of Strangers and Friends

By Ed Rosella

One week after the hurricane, three women pulled up to our house and asked my son and me if we would like a cup of hot chocolate. I was stunned by their offer. I wondered how they got past the police checkpoints. For the past week we worked from morning until night to save our house and our things. I was surely in "work mode." Their offer of kindness made me face my emotions.

Since then I have seen such extraordinary kindness in our streets from people and from God. God always had a way to send the right people at the right time. Here are a few stories:

- A Wall Street executive told his superiors that he wasn't coming to work for a few days. He said, "My neighbors need my help." He stayed with me two days to help pull up our floors.
- A family from Pennsylvania packed their trunk with sandwiches and drove around our streets to feed us. They asked, "Can we help?" For three hours they loaded all our furniture in dumpsters.
- A structural engineer never charged me for his work saying, "You've been through enough!"
- A total stranger handed me a \$50 Home Depot gift card.
- Church groups from Maine to California have gutted ours and most of our neighbors' homes.
- Occupy Wall Street people occupied our town to sleep in cold tents in order to serve us warm meals.
- Someone rented a U-Haul, installed barbecues, and drove around our streets to feed us hot food.
- Many friends delivered dinners to my mom's house where we are currently staying.
- Friends have helped pull nails and throw out our wet things.
- As neighbors we share everything and help each other.
- So many more stories.....

In our mission's work we have helped people in other countries recover from flood situations; we now know what they were feeling. The kindness that we have seen from God and others in the past three weeks has humbled us and warmed our hearts.

Our House



Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund

By John Wessells (Eleos Board Member)

The Eleos Board of Directors has created a 'Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund' to help Ed and Karen recover and rebuild. If you would like to help you may send your tax-deductible gift to the address below:

Eleos International Ministries, Inc.
PO Box 5092
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

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