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# Outreach

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REBIRTH OF THE  
GULF COAST  
*Bringing Hope Again.*



2006 AT A GLANCE  
*Service International's  
Upcoming Trips and Projects*



GET INVOLVED  
*Your Participation is  
Needed to Help People.*

## The Rebirth of the South.

Bringing a New Look to Life Along the Gulf Coast.

**K**atrina was one of the most devastating U.S. hurricanes ever recorded, leaving hundreds of thousands homeless, jobless, displaced, and despairing. The extent of the devastation and the sheer size of the recovery task are daunting. Many are overwhelmed. Where do you start when you have nothing left to start with? As one recent Service International (SI) volunteer put it: "We give people hope."

To date, SI has sent 40 tractor trailers loaded with food and water, supplies, and building materials to the Gulf Coast. More than 1,600 SI volunteers—from the U.S. and England—have readily invested long weekends, holiday breaks, and vacations to help Katrina families and communities recover and rebuild.



### Hope At Work.

Service International Volunteers Bring A Fresh Start.



### Rebuilding.

Volunteers Gut a Damaged Home.

"If it hadn't been for SI, many of our neighbors would not have returned to rebuild. You have given us hope. Thank you!" Words like these from a New Orleans homeowner fire up our determined orange-shirted volunteers who have cut and carried and dug and gutted their way through more than 350 rebuilding projects—all since SI's Rapid Response team hit the ground two days after Katrina. Today, bases in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Long Beach and Biloxi, Mississippi, continue to launch work teams into mud-caked, debris-filled neighborhoods to bring help and hope to the people who need it most.

This is just the beginning of years-long sustained effort to help communities get a fresh start.

## Service International Profile.

For more than a decade, Service International has been coordinating relief efforts locally, nationally, and around the globe—mobilizing volunteers to alleviate suffering caused by floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and war. Thank you for your continued support!



## Get Involved.

### Volunteer.

SI volunteers are quick to say how helping people has changed them deeply. You, too, can make a difference in people's lives. Contact SI to ask how you can get involved.

### Pray.

Pray for health, courage, civil order, and relief for the hurting people who have been affected by recent disasters. Also, please pray for the leadership of SI as they continue to organize and facilitate rebuilding and hope-building.

### Give.

Help fund SI's continued relief efforts in the Gulf Coast and around the world. Donate online at [serviceinternational.org](http://serviceinternational.org) or use the enclosed envelope. Thank you!

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### Hurricane Relief: Gulf Coast.

Be part of this ongoing project. Teams are heading to Mississippi and Louisiana in the months ahead.  
Next trip: February 25 - March 3.

### Dental Clinic: Gjakova, Kosovo.

Last year, more than 400 widows and orphans were treated at a seven-chair dental clinic built and equipped by SI. Dentists, hygienists, and assistants can participate on this year's first trip: April 21 - 30.

### Tsunami Relief: Sri Lanka.

SI volunteers continue the work of helping to rebuild the lives of those affected by the tsunami.  
Next trip: February 24 - March 10.

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