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1500 COLLEGE STUDENTS WILL TRAVEL TO HELP GULF COAST

Campus Crusade for Christ will send 1500 college students to 5 Gulf Coast locations to help Katrina victims. Students will use weekends through October to bring relief and begin recovery as part of Phase 1 of a co-operative plan with Louisiana and Mississippi churches and other agencies.

ORLANDO, FL, September 21, 2005 – More than 1500 college students and staff will travel to Louisiana and Mississippi for 8 weekends to help Katrina victims in their home communities. The students are being sent by Campus Crusade for Christ in cooperation with local churches and relief agencies in the devastated region.

“We're asking students from every campus to give a weekend to come down and help," says Rick Amos, Hurricane Katrina Relief Coordinator for Campus Crusade's U.S. Campus Ministry. "We plan to mobilize thousands of college students across the country to help bring relief that's desperately needed.”

Campus Crusade's Katrina Relief Efforts are currently targeted in 4 locations: Slidell, Ponchatoula and Minden, Louisiana and Waveland, Mississippi. Already more than 350 students have joined relief teams in the first two weeks of the operation.

Jen Smoker and Lisa Menard drove 20 hours from Towson University in Baltimore to help clean out ruined homes in Slidell, LA. “It was so sad to watch everything they owned be thrown in a trash pile in the front yard,” cried Smoker. When the emotional weight of their loss became too much for the homeowners, the students wrapped their arms around them and just loved on them. “I had no idea what to say, but knew that they needed us,” Smoker remembers.

Campus Crusade relief teams are hosted by Louisiana and Mississippi churches and Christian relief agencies. In addition to cleaning out homes (called “mudding out” in the Mississippi delta), relief efforts include stocking and delivering supplies, preparing and serving meals and clearing trees and debris.

“This is a time that we can demonstrate the compassion of Christ toward those who are hurting and bring them a message of hope and comfort," explains Rick Amos.

Founded in 1951, Campus Crusade for Christ is one of the largest interdenominational organizations in the world and is active on 1298 colleges throughout America. Its goal is to help bring the reality of Jesus to the college students of America and the world. Campus Crusade for Christ is a charter member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

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