



## CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE RALEIGH

Faith Based, Long Term Recovery, Community Development

CIR serves to bridge the gap socially, culturally, spiritually, economically, educationally between the immigrant population and mainstream society. God's people are the right resource for leading others to an encounter with Christ and for finding guidance to find restoration with God, self, others and the world.

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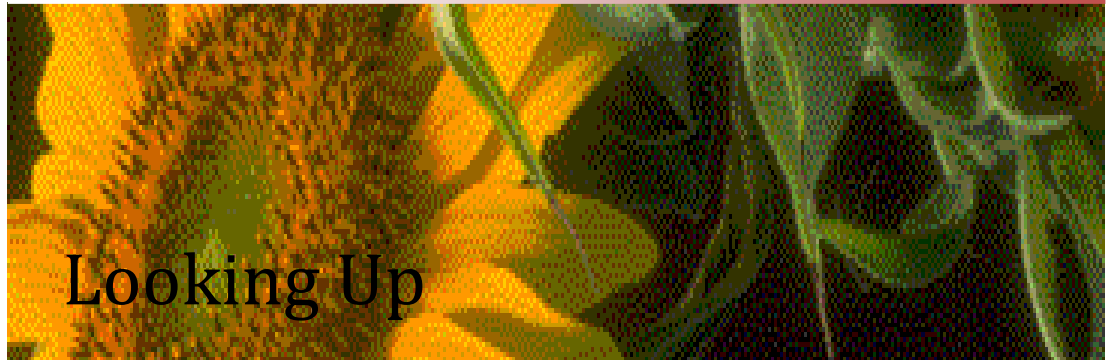
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Prayer Update

Please Pray:

- \* Eight families from Stony Brook want to host Bible studies in their homes!
- \* God has placed CIR in front of many people and organizations: we hope our impact will be lasting in God's kingdom.
- \* Many tornado survivors are still traumatized by dark clouds and summer rain. We pray



## CIR Serving after Disaster Strikes Raleigh

The tornado of April 16 was an F-4, one of the strongest storms of its kind and the worst one since 1984 for the Raleigh area. Hardest hit was a mobile home park, Stony Brook North. Since the day of the disaster, CIR stepped in as a coordinating agency for relief

CIR is serving by repairing over 90 of the homes which are individually owned and have no insurance. The great majority of the residents of this large neighborhood are Hispanic and have limited understanding about how the system works.



CIR is bridging the gap in knowledge and ser-

Christ will bring stability and assurance to their lives.

rebuilding, and resources.

What a humbling privilege God has provided to CIR and our volunteers to be in Stony Brook, where the need was so great. Out of 183 homes, 50 were completely destroyed.

Where do you start, buying materials or getting a permit? Hiring a contractor or doing it yourself? What about Red Cross and FEMA, what role do they play? How do you know when to call to get the lights turned back on?

in knowledge and services. We are praying with families and finding out their needs. We are listening to their stories and feeling their hurt with them. What would Jesus have done after a tornado?

## Explosive Growth for CIR

- Managed over \$800,000 in donations and in-kind gifts
- Coordinated over 800 volunteers
- Case-managing disaster recovery for 90 families
- Hired 4 employees
- Became a member of disaster oriented coalitions/organizations

## The Church Answers the Call

**A** Stony Brook family lived in a double wide trailer they purchased several years ago. The tornado of April 16 dropped a tree across their home. The trailer was condemned, the power was cut off and the family moved into a shelter.

CIR bridged the gap between the family and the faith community by contacting a local church, Crossroads Fellowship, who adopted the family. Crossroads

began to care for this family, paying for their hotel and carefully examining the damage to the trailer. Then they purchased the needed materials to repair and replace the roof, trusses, exterior walls, windows, rebuild the floors, ceilings and walls, replaced electrical outlets, replaced insulation and damaged vinyl siding and coordinated inspections with the City. Within two and a half weeks, family was able



to move back in.

Now this family is back in their house, once again making it feel like home. Thanks to a local church whose compassion moved the congregation to serve just a Christ would have, this family is being surrounded by loving people who are committed to their long-term recovery.