



A disaster can destroy homes, disrupt community life, and devastate families.

Brethren Disaster Ministries engages volunteers to repair and rebuild storm-damaged homes for some of the most vulnerable disaster survivors, thereby easing trauma and promoting recovery. By demonstrating Christ's love and putting their faith in action as they restore damaged homes, volunteers also restore broken lives.

Volunteer Requirements

- **Good health & stamina for hard work**
- **Minimum 15 years of age (14 if accompanied by parent)**
- **Desire to share the love of Christ through service**
- **Sensitivity with regard to racial/cultural differences**
- **Commitment to BDM's mission**

*Let's not merely say that we love each other; let's show the truth by our actions.
-1 John 3:18 (NLT)*



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**Rebuilding Homes
Engaging Volunteers
Promoting Recovery**

*Serve one another in love.
-Galatians 5:13*

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to have construction skills?

No. Unskilled volunteers willing to learn are invited to work alongside those who are skilled and willing to teach.

Is there any other kind of help needed besides construction?

Yes. Cooks, assistant household managers, errand-runners, etc. are often needed to help the project leaders.

What is the time commitment?

Volunteers serve one week for most projects, arriving on Sunday and traveling home on Saturday.

*"Thank you for sending such great people to build me a home. This is a house that love built."
—Flood survivor*



*"After seeing these people come from out of nowhere to do the impossible - this has lifted a terrible burden from my shoulders."
—Hurricane survivor*



Is there any special training?

No training is required for the weekly volunteers. Brethren Disaster Ministries does train volunteers to serve as Disaster Project Leaders, who manage the project on location.

Is there any cost to volunteering?

BDM provides housing and meals free of charge. Volunteers need to cover their own travel to the project, although some districts and local churches often cover this expense.

How do I sign up?

Contact your District Disaster Coordinator (your District Office or pastor can refer you) or the BDM office to select a project location and date and obtain the registration forms. Then report to the disaster project, ready to roll up your sleeves and make a difference!

How can I support BDM?

- Pray for this ministry
- Volunteer
- Organize a fund-raising event for the Emergency Disaster Fund
- Make a donation. Send your gift to:

Emergency Disaster Fund
Church of the Brethren
1451 Dundee Avenue
Elgin, IL 60120

Or give online at
www.brethren.org/disaster

To learn more, visit our website:
www.brethren.org/disasterministries.org

*"I think the saying, 'Go and serve' means more to me after this trip. This was my first trip, but not my last."
—Volunteer*

