

Samaritan's Purse finishing hurricane recovery work in Newfoundland

Christian relief organization will have responded to over 120 families by October 25 departure

CALGARY, AB, October 20, 2010 — Samaritan's Purse Canada will complete its clean-up operations in Newfoundland on October 25 after assisting over 120 families that were affected by Hurricane Igor.

The Christian relief organization worked in the areas around Bonavista and Catalina, where they assessed damage to homes and coordinated local volunteers to help clean up by removing soggy drywall and insulation, administering mould remediation, and helping people get their homes to the point where they are ready to restore or rebuild.

"The volunteer response has been overwhelming," said Brent Davis, Samaritan's Purse's Relief Teams Coordinator. "This would not have been possible without the tremendous volunteer support the local community, the Christian Reform World Relief Committee and the Christian Disaster Relief group."

Volunteers from all around Newfoundland have provided more than 2,000 hours of service to Samaritan's Purse to help those affected by Hurricane Igor.

"The volunteers have put in long hours doing hard, tiring work," said Stephen Joudry, Base Manager for Samaritan's Purse in Catalina. "It was really overwhelming to see them working so hard and then take time to listen and comfort the homeowners."

Samaritan's Purse came to help in response to an invitation by church communities in Newfoundland.

In recent months, Samaritan's Purse staff and volunteers have provided disaster relief services in Medicine Hat, AB, Leamington, ON, Chilliwack, BC and Fredericton, NB.

Donations Needed

Anyone wishing to make a financial donation to Samaritan's Purse's disaster relief efforts can call **1-800-663-6500** or visit **www.samaritanpurse.ca** (click on "Donate").

About Samaritan's Purse Canada

Samaritan's Purse Canada is an international Christian relief and development organization working in about 70 countries to provide aid to victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty, famine, and persecution. The Calgary-based charity also operates the well-known Operation Christmas Child program that sends gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children around the world each year, and the Turn on the Tap initiative that raises funds for life-saving BioSand Water Filters in the developing world. Go to **www.samaritanpurse.ca** for more information.

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