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I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do.

—Leonardo da Vinci

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Home Owner Spotlight: Dawn Hughes



Ten teams, 124 volunteers, and 655 volunteer hours later, homeowner Dawn Hughes is now starting to move her furniture back into the first floor of her Lindenhurst home. Dawn had been hit both by Irene and Sandy, and was in need of help. She had spent all of her funds previously on Irene repairs. So, when Sandy hit, flooding her home

with several feet of water, Dawn reached out for help and our Recovery Ministry responded.

Her first floor had been gutted, and we found Dawn without heat or electricity on that level. The flooring had warped, and was no longer level. Several of our volunteer teams worked to install subflooring. Other teams installed insulation and drywall to both the walls and ceiling. There were leaks that needed to be repaired, and much electrical work had to be done. We therefore arranged for a roofer to repair the many leaks,

hired a licensed electrician to come in, and a plumber for the baseboard heating replacement.

Some of our teams taped, spackled, primed, and painted. One team from Mountain City, GA, did the wood trim around the windows and both doors. Professional help was brought in to tile the floor. Volunteers spent over twenty-two days working between September 2014 and February of 2015 to return the house to a safe and livable condition.

Ms. Hughes wrote "You have been absolutely wonderful....I could never have done this without your help."

Pictures – Before:



The canal is only 15' from her back door



This is the street in front of her home

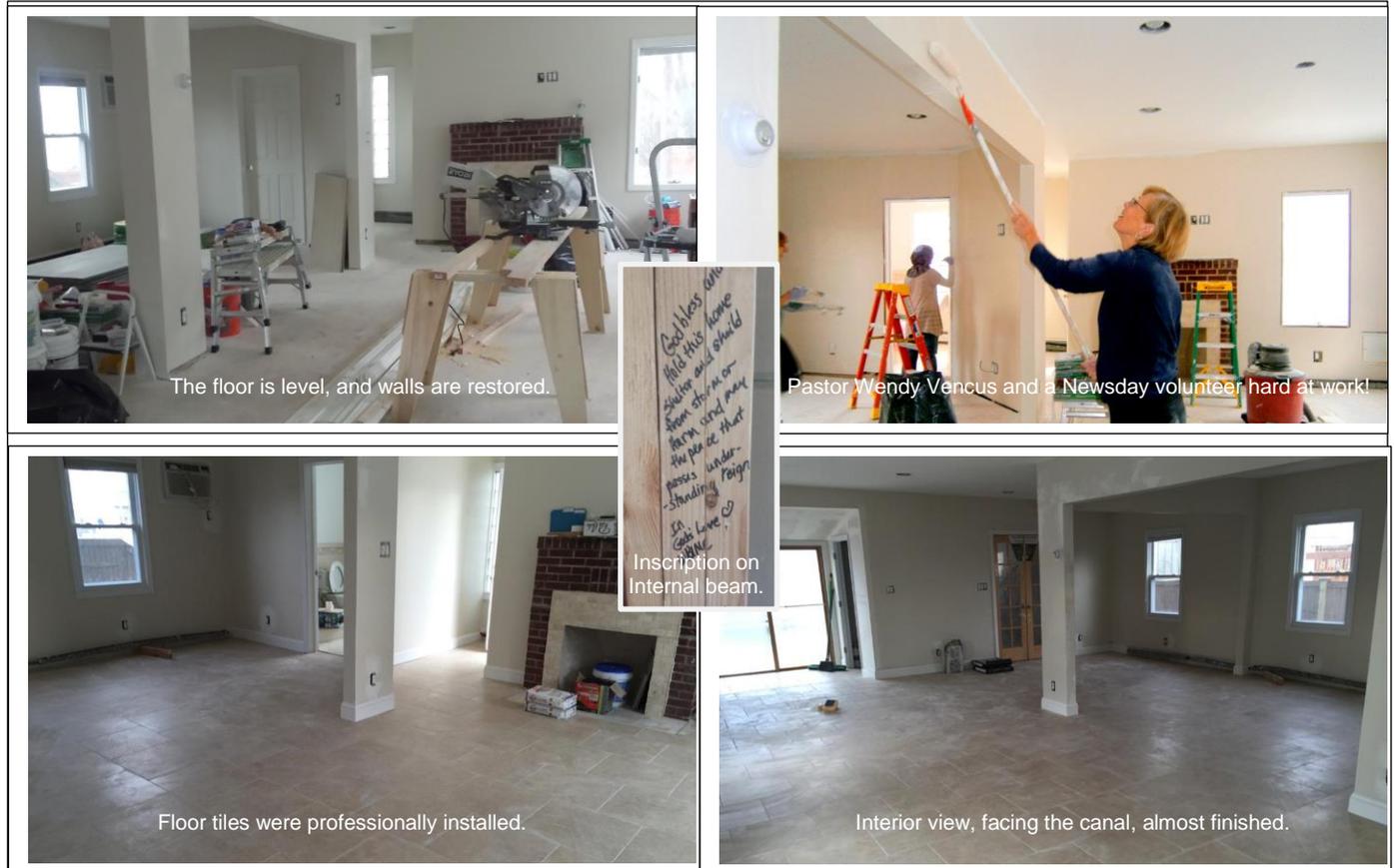


View of floor and fireplace, facing street



Interior view facing the canal

Pictures – After:



A Note from A Mountain City, GA, Volunteer Team Leader:

Last December, Pastor Stutsman came to Long Island with seven volunteers. Here is the note he sent with his impressions of the work done.

“We were blessed to work not only with the folks of the New York Annual Conference UMC but also with the folks who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. What a blessing we received from all our Northern brothers and sisters. From our initial greeting by the folks at Grace UMC to the morning gathering of the retired (wisdom) folks at McDonalds we felt like we were at home. It always amazes me how our God is able to put together just the right people for an effective mission team. As the pastor of a rural small membership United Methodist Church I couldn’t be more satisfied that we were

able to share some of God’s grace (or southern hospitality) to some folks who were obviously still hurting from the devastation of the storm.....

....I have been to three different countries and several states building churches and doing hurricane renovations and I have got to say that this was one of the best trips that I have been on. As the team’s pastor I couldn’t be more thrilled with the results of what was accomplished. I told the team before we left that we always go thinking we will be the blessing to others, and I’m confident we were, but in reality we all agree that we were the ones blessed. It is true that it is a blessing to be a blessing and to serve others. It is great news that Ms. Hughes’

renovations are about complete. She was such a gracious host for our midday meal. She definitely went “Overboard” while feeding us southern boys. We pray that her house and life return to normal soon.....

...I would also like to thank you and your team for making our visit effective and memorable. My prayer is that we can assemble another team to continue the work of putting folks lives back together one house at a time.

Grace, Peace and Love of Christ,
 Chuck Stutsman, Pastor
 Mountain City UMC”

**Interested in participating?
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