



F2W CURRENTS

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Bay St Louis holds a special place in the heart of F2W. Responding to the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina, we began sending volunteers to the Bay in March of last year. In fact, the first official F2W project was a trip to this seaside town!

In the past year and a half, we have been privileged to be a small part of the ongoing relief efforts. Sending over 175 volunteers from all over the Southeast, F2W workers have given thousands upon thousands of man-hours to rebuild lives.



In fact, through the prayers, financial donations, and volunteer service of people like you, over 25 homes have been either completed or moved closer to completion. In addition, various city parks and cemeteries have been cleaned and maintained. A city-wide Christmas concert featuring



the band **Loss4Words** was held. Not to mention, over 100 children were given presents for Christmas last year.



F2W has definitely made an impact in Bay St. Louis. Lives have been changed, restored, and brought closer to Christ. And it is all because of our awesome God, and supporters.

In mid November, our last Bay family moved into their new home. F2W, and other organizations, have been working with Jeff & Melisa for over a year. And we could not be more excited to see them move out of their FEMA trailer and into a beautiful new home. With this final piece in place, it is time for us to say goodbye to the Bay.

But saying goodbye is bitter sweet. I am happy of all that God has accomplished through this small organization. And so humbled that I could

be a part. Yet as I think back over the many trips to the Bay I must admit, I get teary eyed. I think about God's love for his children as evident in the many miracles told. I think about the people we have met. The families we have worked with. The friends I have made and continue to correspond with.

Personally, I do have plans to return next year. Jeff, a commercial fisherman, has promised to teach me how to shrimp. And I cant turn that down!

It has truly been a wonderful experience to be part of the relief efforts along the Gulf Coast. And as F2W says goodbye to Bay St. Louis and looks to new areas, I say thanks to God and thanks to our F2W Family!

Ike Boyette



For more on Jeff's story go to: www.foot2water.com

A BITTER SWEET GOODBYE

TAX RELIEF

God has greatly blessed F2W this year through the generosity of people like you. In January, F2W will send out 2007 Giving Statements to all of its wonderful sponsors. To help show our appreciation we are including a special gift with each statement .

With the end of the year approaching, you may be looking for a non-profit organization to help with the upcoming tax season. Did you know F2W is a certified 501(c)(3) organization recognized by the federal government? And that donations to such an organization can reduce your tax liability?

If you are looking for a Christ-focused, non-profit organization as your tax shelter, please prayerfully consider F2W. Remember all donations for the current year must be post marked by Dec. 31st.

YOU CAN HELP

Become a monthly sponsor today! Make checks payable to: Foot2Water, Inc. 3300 N. Main St Ste D PMB 339 Anderson, SC 29621 All donations are tax deductible*



A SPECIAL THANKS

Foot2Water, Inc. would like to extend a special thank you to the following for their support:

- All those donating clothes * Minuteman Press, Danny Ross * Cyber Solutions, John & Eric Gurley * Stone Bridge Church * Pendleton Street Baptist Church * The Sound Closet, Mckelvie Wilder * all those who sponsor F2W (you make this ministry possible, thank you) * our family and friends



A QUICK WORD

I love Christmas songs. Especially the old ones sung by Elvis, Bing Crosby, Nat King Cole and the like. My parents had a bunch of old Christmas records that would play on a continuous loop from our stereo in the den. By December 25th I had heard *Silent Night* like 7000 times! But it never got old.

And now hearing those songs makes me smile. And they help me to reflect. Reflect on all of my wonderful childhood Christmas memories. A time of joy. A time of true innocence.

Unfortunately, as an adult, I can get wrapped up in the craziness of the season & forget what it's all about. I

begin to focus on "stuff" & take my eyes off what really matters.

But not this year! This year I am determined to stay focused on what Christmas is all about, my Lord.

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us... And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)

So if you are out & about this holiday season & hear what sounds like *Silent Night* being poorly sung from the car next to you, don't get scared. It's just me focusing on the awesome & perfect gift that was given to me (and to you) by our heavenly father. And only through that gift do I find real joy & more importantly, my innocence.

Merry Christmas, & God bless,

Ike

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LOOKING AHEAD

- **Holiday Clothing Drive:** Hurry and get your jackets, blankets, socks, and other like-new clothing items into F2W by December 20th (or call us for a pickup)!
- **Grants:** F2W is currently applying for several grants. This will greatly expand our local services. We humbly ask for your prayers.
- **Year End Giving:** Would you prayerfully consider giving to F2W this end of year? All donations for 2007 must be post marked by Dec. 31st.
- **Philippines:** F2W is headed back to Masinloc in March to help build a church. Interested in going or sponsoring this trip? Contact us!
- **Online:** F2W is looking for more ideas and suggestions as Cyber Solutions of Anderson begins retooling our web site in early 2008.
- **More:** For the most current info go to: WWW.FOOT2WATER.COM

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Home for the holidays



Last month F2W revealed its 2007 ending campaign, Home for the Holidays. This will mark the closing of our year long effort of making **Missions Possible** (more on that next month).

The Home for the Holidays campaign is about pouring all of our resources into our hometown of Anderson, SC to really make a difference this Holiday Season. And to do this we launched **Operation Clean Closet**.

In this operation we are collecting like-new clothing items for three Anderson area non-profit organizations. We are asking you, your family, and your friends to take 15 minutes and go through and clean your closets. Collect all those like-new clothes & blankets and deliver them to our office on or before December 20th (or call us

and we will be glad to come pick them up). Your clothes are going to three great organizations who need your help; *Helping Hands of Clemson* (an emergency children's shelter), *St. Johns United Methodist Clothes Closet* (Anderson's largest free clothing distributor), and *Haven of Rest* (a shelter and treatment ministry).

And so far **Operation Clean Closet** is a huge success! Our trailer is almost full, and the conference area of our offices is filling up. Awesome! Keep the clothes coming.

So get with your family, your friends, your classmates, your church, or whomever and organize a "closet cleaning day." Remember the deadline is December 20th!



For more go to: www.foot2water.com

SNEAK PEAK

While the details are Top Secret, we thought we would give you a sneak peak at a few things happening next year.

In 2008 you will see a...

- more user friendly web site...
- new church planted...
- focus on Anderson's elderly...
- youth activity area built...
- focus on Anderson's widows and children...
- lot more!



But this is just a peak. Many great things are in store for F2W in 2008. So get on board or get out of the way, because F2W is, **FAITH IN MOTION!**