



# S.T.O.R.M. Report

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### Current Needs for Volunteers to Help Local Churches with Hurricane Relief, Outreach, and Rebuilding:

1. Site Coordinators to serve in New Bern, North Carolina
2. Site Coordinators to serve in Wilmington, North Carolina
3. Volunteers - individuals, teams - to serve in New Bern and Wilmington, North Carolina

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### Volunteers:

- Can your church round up a team to go and serve for a week?
- Deacons, have you considered sponsoring a volunteer or team to come from your church?
- If you or your team cannot commit to a week, how about just the weekdays or a long weekend?
- Note that employers will often grant days off for disaster response volunteers.
- Would you or anyone you know make a good Site Coordinator?
- Skilled volunteers, this is an opportunity to make great use of your gifts!
- Unskilled volunteers can come and support affected families and skilled volunteers in a variety of ways.

### Site Coordinator Qualifications:

- Ability to work with people in a compassionate way
- A reasonable understanding of each of the phases of construction
- Prior volunteer work experience
- Ability to manage volunteers, to recognize and work within their limitations and strengths
- Flexibility in expectations
- Comfortable with both Christians and non-Christians
- Ability to communicate orally and in writing
- Ability to manage time well

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