

## **Disaster Response Update**

Disaster response is a long-term process that often doesn't align with the immediate desire to help when we first see the devastating images on our screens. The reality is that the help truly needed for rebuilding communities typically isn't effective until months or even years later.

Take the small town of Rolling Fork, MS, for example. After being struck by a tornado in March 2023, the recovery is still underway. In May of this year, a group from the Great River Region went to continue the work on homes. One of the homes we worked on was for Sharnesia Larry and her family. While we got close to completing it, other teams came in after us and helped to finish the job.

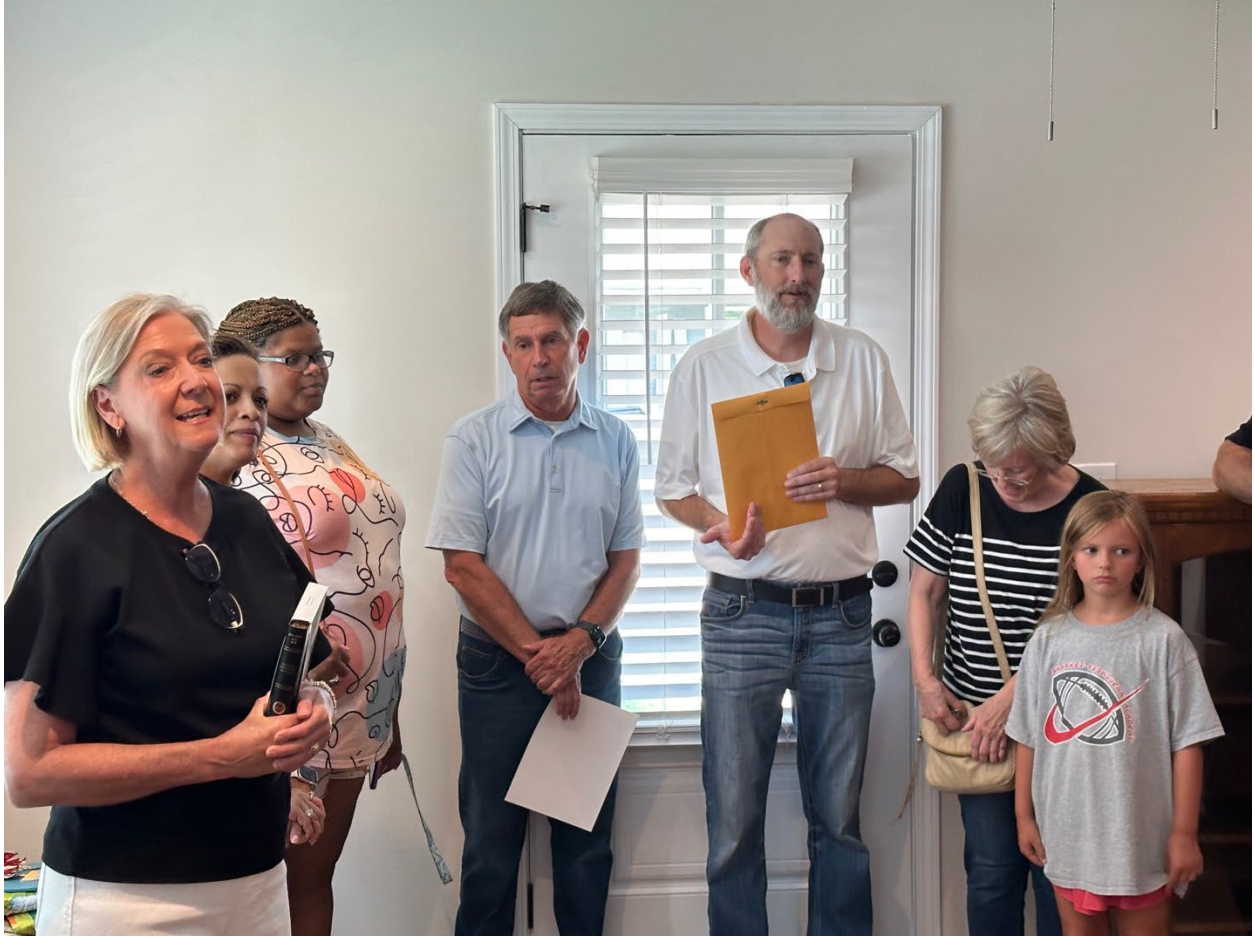
I had the privilege of attending the recent Home Dedication ceremony, alongside many of those who contributed to the project. More than two years after the tornado, the Larry family is finally settled in their beautiful new home.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated time, effort, and resources to disaster relief efforts in the Great River Region and Week of Compassion. Every prayer, every dollar, and every moment of hard work truly makes a difference!

Thank you,  
Rev. Ronny Nowell  
Regional Disaster Response Coordinator



GRR Group at the Dedication with the Homeowner



Blessing and key presentation



Sovren Sybrant (FCC Fayetteville, AR) presents a painting she made of the home.



Gift basket from FCC Ft Smith, AR

# HOUSE DEDICATION CEREMONY



**Sharnesia Larry**

*Tuesday, July 22, 2025*

*2:00 PM*

*70 Lewis Street, Rolling Fork, MS*

Rolling Fork Rising is our partner through Week of Compassion