

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

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ONE UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT

With the rising water, their only escape was through the attic ceiling. Cheryl helped her husband strap their 40 year-old son, who lives with the physical effects of cerebral palsy, to his wheelchair. **As the water continued to rise,** they floated up the stairs to the second story of the house... **eventually finding their way into the attic.** Cheryl's husband carved a hole through the roof with his chainsaw and **they climbed out.** Thankfully, a **passing rescue boat noticed them** on the roof and brought them to safety.

Recently, Yesmi Campos and Dave Pohlmeier of ITeams USA helped lead a group of **students from Judson College to New Orleans** to help a local church with its **Hurricane Katrina flood relief efforts.** They worked for a week gutting houses, removing items destroyed by water and mold - the first step in the process of rebuilding the homes. During their time, the team's lives also intersected with those whose houses they were working on, many of whom battled for survival during the devastation of hurricane Katrina... **such as Cheryl and her family.**

"I first noticed Cheryl as she stood with tears in her eyes... staring at her empty, dilapidated house," explained Yesmi. A little while later **I was introduced to Cheryl** as 'the young lady who coordinated this team and trip'. Cheryl didn't say anything at first... **she just hugged me."**

Yesmi continues, "I don't remember the last time I was hugged as hard as when Cheryl hugged me... **'thank you, thank you so much,' she whispered.** We were all in tears, it was definitely a moment that words cannot explain. **We were a small part of something much bigger than ourselves – God's mercy and care for His children."**



Read more about the experiences of the ITeams USA Katrina Relief Team at <http://teamjournal.iteams.org>

ITEAMS USA...

- is developing ways to help churches move beyond merely supporting missionaries to engaging their congregation in God's cause in a strategic place of need.
- hosts One Day Immersion events throughout the year inviting anyone interested in hearing about the heart, passion, and vision of International Teams
- offers "Learning Experiences" for ITeams' missionaries. Learning Experiences use case studies, practical "hands-on" opportunities, and interaction to engage them in relationship, community, prayer, and reflection.

One Inspiring Experience

We experienced "mission" in such a new way as we joined to be God's disciples and servants right here in our own country. Words cannot explain what we experienced in New Orleans... the impact of the disaster just doesn't become real until you are there taking it all in firsthand.

I personally was broken in so many ways. Not only did I learn - by the people of New Orleans - what it is to truly praise God in the midst of disaster, I also gained a better perspective on what it means to intensely work for the Lord every day.

- Yesmi / ITeams USA

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David Schroeder,
President, ITeams USA

ONE NATION'S ANSWER

Fifteen years ago, I would never have imagined teaching in a nation that was closed to Christian missionaries, but in the past few months that has been my privilege **as President of ITeams USA.**

Last December, my wife Betzi and I had the joy of visiting Moscow, Russia. Now Moscow in December may not sound like a treat... unless you get to connect with **Russian and Ukrainian youth workers** who are passionate about the Gospel!

On a very cold morning we were enjoying a tour of **Red Square** - the political and social epicenter of the city, and of the country. It was a special day, a **national day of remembrance** of fallen Russian soldiers from World War II. **Mesmerized by the pomp and pageantry** of the marching soldiers, elderly veterans, full marching band, and the magnificence of the Kremlin in the background, **I was experiencing a clash of worldviews...** not of Russia and the USA, but **of Russia's past and the emerging spiritual vitality** that is evident in many Russian young people.

I thought, "If you really wanted to **change the character of a nation**, how would you do it? Answer: show the young people a way of life that is **fulfilled by the redemptive power of the Holy Spirit** - a life of following Jesus." **This is exactly what ITeams is working for in Russia.**

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GO

BANGKOK, THAILAND - Teach English to adults in groups or to individuals at the Touch Thailand Life Care Center, to students in local schools, and other areas of the community. Develop a curriculum for English teaching and mentor/disciple new believers.

MANILA, PHILIPPINES - ITeams East Asia is a busy hub of mobilizing East Asians into missions. The team is in need of people to help train missionaries who are being sent all over the world.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

ITEAMS USA INFORMATION SYSTEMS - Gifts to help in our efforts to develop a robust contact management system, upgrade computers, and implement new systems of communication are a few examples.

ITEAMS USA EQUIPPING MINISTRY - Gifts to help with the travel expenses of ITeams USA's Equipping Ministry staff enables them to visit, encourage, teach and coach ITeams' missionaries around the world.

ITEAMS USA GENERAL FUND - A gift to the general fund at ITeams-USA helps provide resources to create new and innovative ministries such as those to refugees around the globe.

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