



Hunger in America *“An Adventure in Awareness”*

In 2006 more than 28 million Americans were using food stamps. Today, some two years later, that figure has risen dramatically. In 2008 the cost of bread rose 13%, eggs 24% and milk 26%. Food donations to agencies are down by 50%. The people who need food help is up by 70%. One in eight Americans does not have enough food. Only 12% of those served are homeless. More than 12 million children live with hunger. 36% of households receiving food assistance have one working adult. According to the USDA, 35 million Americans don't have dependable access to enough food due to limited money and resources. These statistics stagger the mind. What is one to do to help? In Matthew 25 Jesus talks about a day when we will all stand before him. He talks about those who will inherit the Kingdom. Listen to what He says: “I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and away from home and you invited me into your house. I was without clothes and you gave me something to wear. I was sick and you cared for me. I was in prison and you visited me.”

The people answered like this. . . Lord when did we see you hungry, thirsty, without clothes, sick or in prison?”

The Lord will answer. . .”Anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me.”

This story is the mission of Carpenter’s House in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans. This fall from September 7th until Nov 6th - 61 days, Carpenter’s House will tackle the issue of hunger in America. The strategy they will use is unusual and YOU can be a part of this mission. Here is the plan:

Sept 7th - Charles Dillon, Founder and Director of Carpenter’s House will launch a canoe at the mouth of the Mississippi River in Lake Itasca, MN.

Charles will paddle his canoe down the Mississippi to New Orleans-some 2350 miles arriving in that great city on Nov 6th .

Charles will stop on the river in 50 cities and towns. As a member of the Body of Christ in those cities you can join Charles on the river to pray for that city and surrounding area. Each person who comes to pray will be asked to bring a can of food and funds of any denomination to assist with the work in New Orleans. The food will go to the cities local churches to feed the hungry. The money will travel with Charles to New Orleans to continue the work of Carpenter’s House. Join Charles on this historic adventure.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. JESUS SAID WE WOULD