



MARIANNA, FL

Hurricane Michael – 2018

Location

Marianna is the county seat of Jackson County, FL, which is in the 'pan-handle' of Florida. Marianna has a population of approximately 7,300 people and the Chipola River forms the eastern border of the city. The downtown area has been restored to encourage tourism.

Florida Caverns State Park is located just to the north of Marianna.

Disaster

Hurricane Michael made landfall near Mexico Beach, FL on October 10, 2018. It was the third-most intense Atlantic hurricane to make landfall in the contiguous United States. Hurricane Michael caused at least \$14.5 billion dollars in damages.

MDS Response

MDS volunteers will be staying at Rivertown Community Church in Marianna. MDS has partnered with RCC to build long-term volunteer accommodations in warehouse space in the church.

Volunteers will be focusing on a combination of repairs and new home construction.

Transportation

It is the responsibility of weekly volunteers to plan, schedule, and pay for their transportation to and from the project in Marianna. If you choose to fly in or take a bus, you will need to be sure to arrange for transportation from the station to the project, as MDS is not able to pick up weekly volunteers. If you have questions about this, please call the Coordinator for Weekly Volunteers at 800-241-8111.

- Dothan Regional Airport is the closest airport, about 50 miles away. Rental cars are available through several organizations (AVIS is one and can be reached at 800-331-1212).
- Greyhound has a bus station in Dothan, AL, about 50 miles from the project site, and can be reached at 800-231-2222.

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Directions

Use GPS to direct you to Rivertown Community Church. Volunteers should park on the west side of the church parking lot, in front of the MDS accommodations. The MDS entrance is the glass door on the far left side of the building.

