



PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Jennings, LA

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HURRICANE LAURA & DELTA — 2020

LOCATION

Jennings is located in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. It is about halfway between Lafayette and Lake Charles. The town has a population of approximately 10,000 people.

Louisiana's first oil well was brought into the Jennings Field in 1901. Jefferson Davis Parish has over 350,000 acres of farmland, with the most significant crops being soybeans and rice.

DISASTER

Hurricane Laura struck Louisiana on August 26, 2020 as a Category 4 hurricane. This hurricane was the tenth-strongest U.S. hurricane landfall by wind speed on record, with peak winds of 150 mph.

On October 9, 2020 Hurricane Delta struck Louisiana in the same areas that were significantly affected by Hurricane Laura. Many homeowners had not returned home yet from evacuating from Hurricane Laura, and many homes still had tarps on their roofs from Laura.

This area was also impacted by the Freeze of 2021 where many exposed pipes were frozen and then in May of 2021 received over 15 inches of rain.

MDS RESPONSE

MDS volunteers will be staying at Jennings Church of Christ in Jennings, LA.

MDS has been invited by the Southwest Louisiana Long Term Recovery Group, Southern Mutual Help Association (SMHA), and a few other partner organizations to provide volunteer labor in both major and minor repairs on existing homes. Work will primarily be roofing, soffit, and fascia repair, ceiling drywall repair and finishing, flooring, installing cabinets, and occasional painting. Most of the Early Response Tree Clean up, mucking out, and tarping has been completed, but with multiple storms there may be periodic ERT work to complete.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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TRANSPORTATION

It is the responsibility of weekly volunteers to plan, schedule, and pay for their transportation to and from the project. 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.

- Lafayette Regional Airport is the closest airport, about 44 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 Lafayette, about 44 miles from the project site, and can be reached at 800-231-2222.
- Amtrak has a train station in Lake Charles, about 35 miles from the project site, and can be reached at 1-800-872-7245.

DIRECTIONS

Use Google Maps to direct you to Jennings Church of Christ. Park on the south side of the church and be sure not to block access to the dumpster on the site.