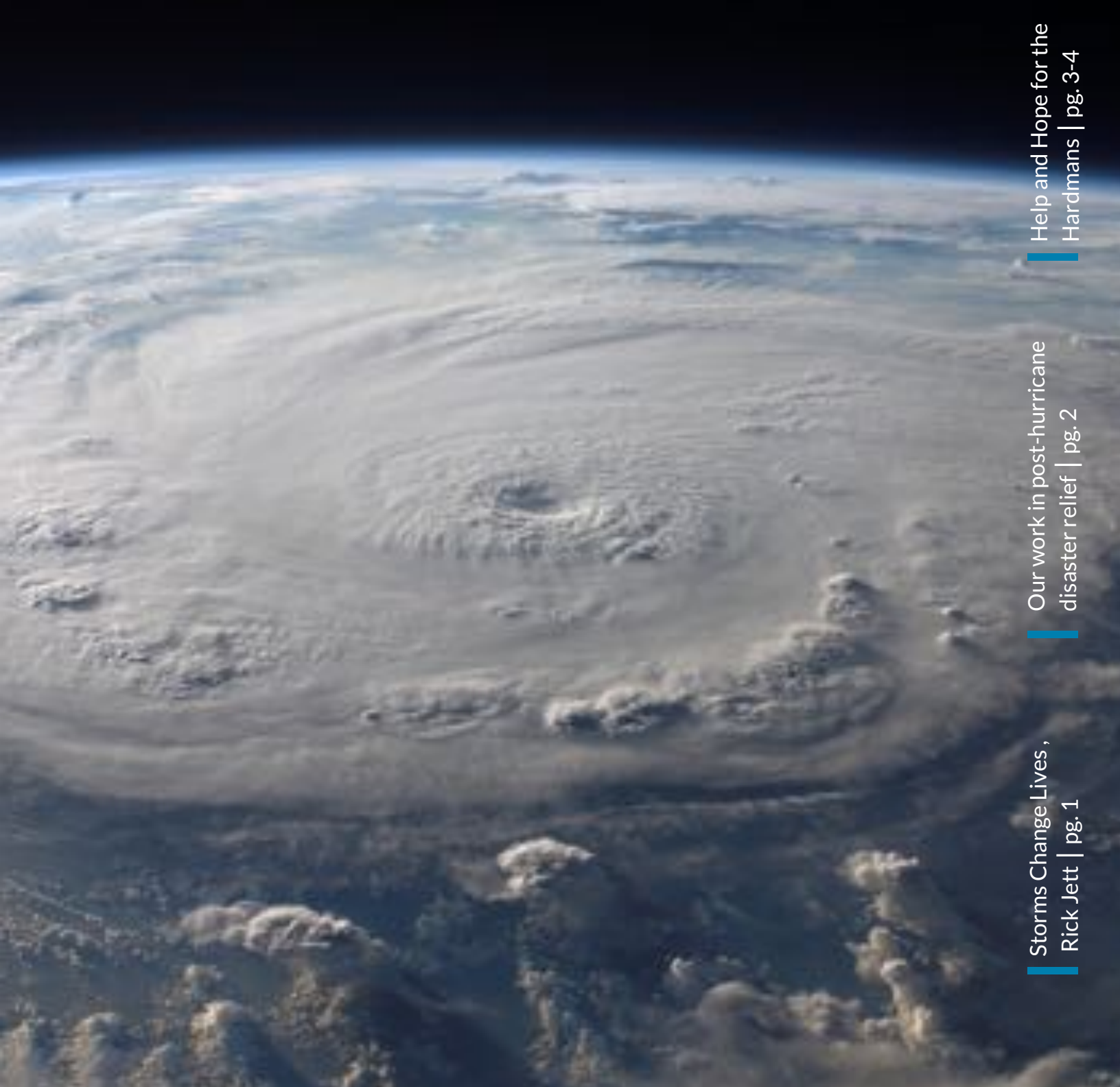


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## STORMS CHANGE LIVES

BY RICK JETT,  
IDES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Joel Hardman was recently baptized into Christ. His story illustrates exactly the results we pray for when IDES is assisting churches with disaster response. (Read his story on page 3).

IDES mobilized resources about a year ago to help congregations minister to their communities after Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

*IDES' Executive Director, Rick Jett and Projects Manager, Randy Jones attending the Hamilton County Prepare to Respond Emergency Training at IDES headquarters. Although Rick has been recovering from extensive illness, he manages to join the staff multiple times a week between dialysis treatments.*

These storms created opportunities for Christians to demonstrate the love of Christ as they cared for hurting people.

I was in the hospital when I received Joel's letter and it provided much needed encouragement. I hope it will also bring tears to your eyes as you read of a life that was transformed through our partnership in offering help and hope following a storm.



**\$1,119,021 SPENT**

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In 2018 hurricanes Florence and Michael caused severe damage along the east coast and gulf coast. Today, many families have still not recovered from the damage. IDES continues to respond to the devastation through our partner churches in the affected areas. These churches are providing Help and Hope for hurting people. With the help of your prayers and donations, IDES mobilized over 300 volunteers and deployed both of our shower trailers for storm survivors and volunteers.

## **STAFF UPDATE**

The muscle behind these projects was our U.S. Disaster Response Coordinator, Kit Gentis, who has since been called to serve elsewhere. We have been blessed to know and grow with Kit and his family and pray that the Lord will guide them through this next chapter of life. Taking over his many responsibilities will be Mason Lambert. Mason's background in Emergency Management and his heart for God's people will bless many churches as he helps them prepare for and respond to the disasters that affect their communities. We're excited to be welcoming Mason into the IDES family.



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# HELP & HOPE

## A LETTER TO IDES FROM JOEL & DIANNE HARDMAN HURRICANE FLORENCE SURVIVORS

Many times we have tried to write a thank you letter to express just how grateful we are to each of you who helped us rebuild our flood damaged home. We have been, and still are, so overwhelmed by your compassion and generosity that finding the right words has been most difficult. Finally, we reached the conclusion that there are no adequate words to say, except thank you Jesus. Our hope is that this letter will be a testimony of how **God turned a tragedy into a beautiful story.** The following is a summary of how our lives took an unforeseen twist which led us to a closer walk with God, a church family, and newfound friends.

Eight days after the flood began, the contaminated water finally receded from our neighborhood. Disbelief struck hard when we saw our home completely surrounded by water. Realization set in. We would not be going home anytime soon.

The first two restoration quotes were startling -- \$12,000 and \$16,000. Rick Vines of Vines Plumbing and Water Restoration was the third and last appointment for the day. Rick proceeded to tell us that he was a Christian and that he was having a difficult time charging people like us who had lost everything and did not have flood insurance. Rick said, "Mr. and Mrs. Hardman, I'm going to do your house for free." Of course, Dianne cried and hugged him.

Not only did God send Rick and his employees, God also sent volunteers to our door step to help clear out our home - people we had never met before. They were strangers who became friends. People came with hearts full of compassion - loving spirits with open arms offering hugs and words of encouragement! In two days, everything that had been inside our home was taken out and piled up on the street in mounds like garbage.

The most painful was seeing old family pictures soaking in the murky river waters - treasures that cannot be reproduced. Yet, through it all, God surrounded us with compassionate loving souls like you to pick us up and give us hope.

We were mentally and physically exhausted. We needed rest and time away to absorb our loss. But we couldn't. Most of all, people need hope. We had been blessed by the compassion of volunteers. It was time to give back. So we began to "muck out" homes, deliver supplies, and pray with homeowners in our neighborhood, and then we moved on to other communities. Everywhere we looked, we saw volunteers from Ekklesia Christian Church in Conway, SC. They seemed to know exactly where help was most needed, so we decided to follow them.

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We prayed and shared God's love. This is when the true blessings began. We started attending church services at Ekklesia. Through their love and sincere desire to help others, we saw the hands and feet of Jesus working.

Five months and 23 days later, we were still displaced and living in temporary housing. The rebuild was frustrating and aggravating at times, but the biggest stress factor was the financial burden. We didn't know how we would manage the additional debt.

We were taken by surprise when Tina Wilson called to say that Ekklesia had received grant funds (from IDES) to help people rebuild their homes. In humble gratitude, we accepted the funds which paid the labor for (home repairs). The grant amount was almost to the penny of what we needed to pay off our flood related debt. **Coincidence? No, this can only be a God thing.** Thank you, Lord Jesus. Many thanks we send to the caring hearts at IDES and Ekklesia Christian Church.

We will never forget how God showed His love through the goodness of mankind, compassionate hearts, and words of hope. Praise and glory to our God Almighty! The journey from destruction to restoration has been a life changing experience. We both feel that we've gained more than we lost, not in monetary things, but in things money can't buy. We are very grateful to all of you who helped us along the way. May God's blessings be bountiful to you and yours.



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Joshua & Shannon Kelley

**Pat Avery**

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Pamela Felix

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Donald & Doris Richey

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**Sarah Elizabeth BonDurant**  
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**Felix Family**  
 May Felix  
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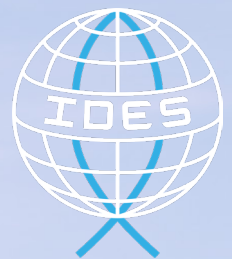
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