

**DEFINITION:** The preparation and serving of prepared meals to those in your neighborhood

**THE NEED:** If a hurricane actually strikes this county, there will be no electricity, many people will have no way of preparing food, the stores and restaurants will all be closed, and people will literally be without food. A prepared meal is an amazing ministry to people who have nowhere to turn and an amazing blessing to those eating out of a can.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDS:** Anyone who likes to serve people with a smile and servant's heart

**THE PLAN:** To daily serve prepared meals whether pancakes and sausage, hamburgers and hotdogs, or spaghetti to your neighborhood

**PRE-HURRICANE:**

- Determine the means of cooking without electricity (e.g. grills...)
- Make a plan (i.e. we will serve one meal a day...)
- Plan on serving large numbers of people
- Realize stores could be closed for up to a week
- Stock up on the necessary supplies, store in a safe place, but don't store all in one place, unless you know that it is totally hurricane safe
- Do what pre-cooking preparation is needed (it's easier now than then)
- Plan on also serving out of town volunteers and county disaster responders

**PERSONAL EXPERIENCE:** This is an amazing ministry and greatly appreciated. A few days of MREs or peanut butter makes a freshly cooked hamburger or a plate of spaghetti look and taste like a feast. The smile, a servant's heart, a few caring words... People remember.