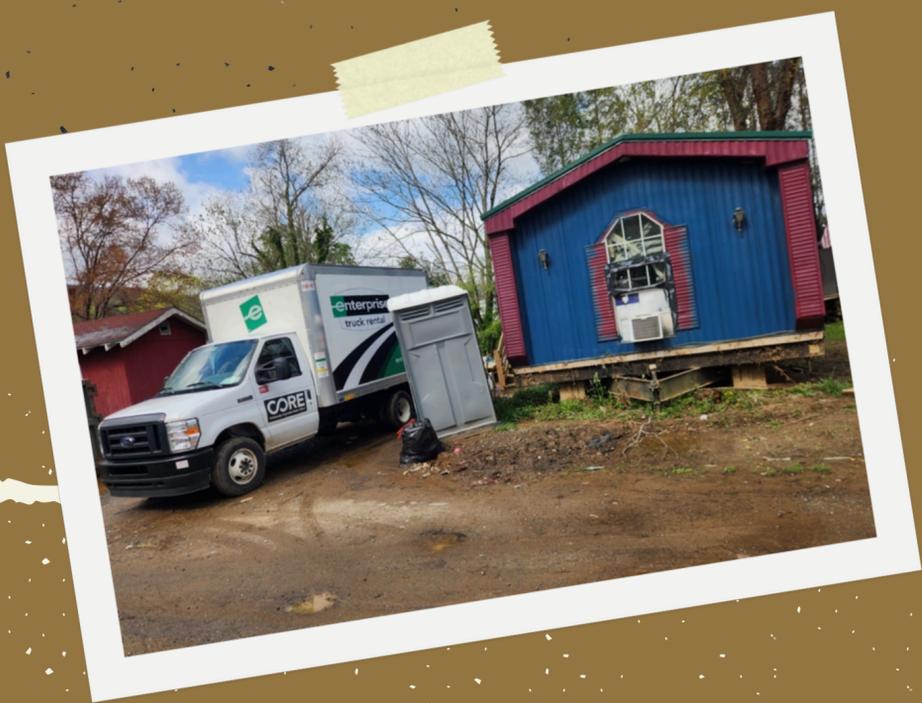




BELMONT UMC'S LENTEN OFFERING

will help rebuild a home destroyed during Hurricane Helene.

Maria has lived for many years in her mobile home in Black Mountain with her four high school-aged children - two boys and two girls. After the Swannanoa River flooded the home to the level of the countertops, no one came to help. She and her children cleaned up as best they could; one friend jury-rigged electricity, another gave her a used refrigerator, and others provided mattresses to sleep and sit on. Although none of the other appliances worked and they had no furniture, the family somehow survived the winter there. When Antonio, a relief worker, first visited six months after Helene, the four children were sitting on a mattress eating cold pizza.



When Hurricane Helene devastated Western North Carolina, those with the fewest resources suffered the most. Your donation to the Lenten Offering will help rebuild a home lost to the storm. Please give generously.



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Together,
we can help rebuild!

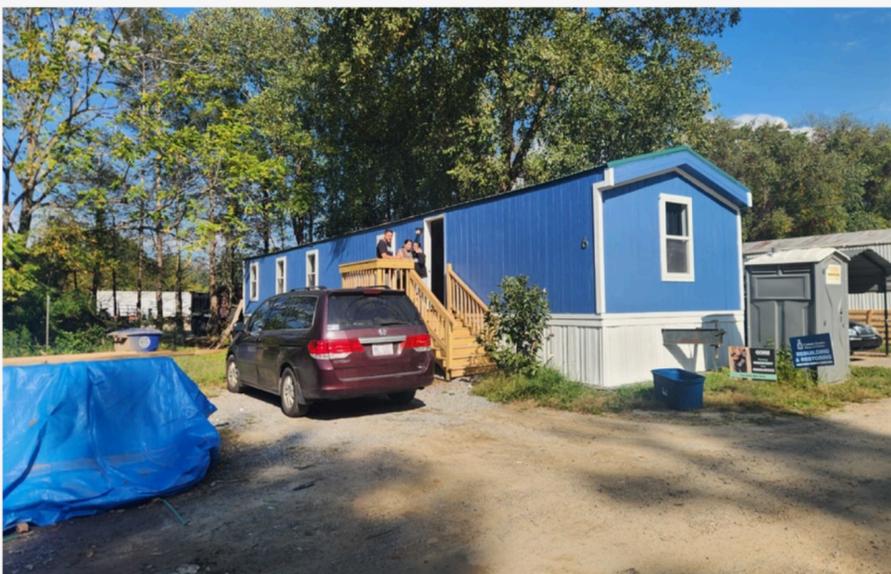


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United Methodists, along with many other volunteers, removed the dirty mattresses and other damaged belongings while the family temporarily stayed with relatives. Led by Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE) volunteers, they began rebuilding Maria's mobile home—raising it so it will be less susceptible to flooding and replacing all the interior and exterior walls and the floor. Licensed subcontractors installed new electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems. Approximately \$50,000 in donations funded all material and subcontractor costs.

The family has now moved back into their like-new home, which even includes a small third bedroom so the mother, boys, and girls can each have separate sleeping spaces.



**Please help other families like Maria's recover their lives and their homes.
Give to Belmont's Lenten Offering!**

All proceeds will support the Western North Carolina Conference Disaster Ministries as they partner with CORE and Catholic Charities to rebuild a home flooded by Hurricane Helene.

