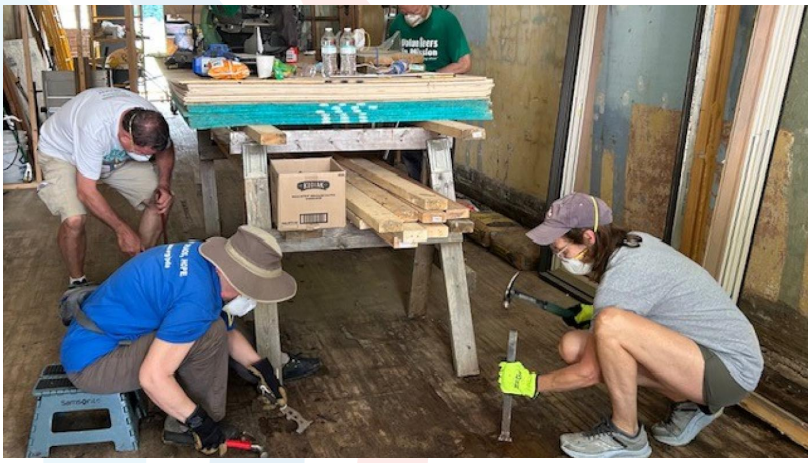
Recurring Gifts Help Restore Hope After Hurricane Helene

When Chanda Williams and nine young adults from First Presbyterian Church of Salem, New Jersey, traveled to Western North Carolina in spring 2025, they encountered both heartbreaking devastation from Hurricane Helene and inspiring resilience among survivors.



In Asheville, where many residents had gone weeks without water or power, the group partnered with New Hope Presbyterian Church to help rebuild homes and restore hope.

One volunteer, Helena, reflected, "This experience was not just using our hands. We got to use our hearts. People worked with us, ate with us and shared their lives with us. I was truly changed, and my faith was renewed."

This kind of long-term disaster recovery is made possible through faithful support of the PC(USA)'s disaster relief ministries, including recurring gifts to the Disaster Relief Impact Fund through the PILLARS community, which help sustain recovery efforts long after a storm has passed.

Read the original story from the Presbyterian News Service: https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2026/2/24/doing-justice-aftermath-disaster.