Dear ADRN Family,

Wow! 2020 is a year I don’t think any of us will ever forget. I think it’s safe to say we have all been challenged and stretched in new and unexpected ways. Hopefully, like the Apostle Paul, we’ve learned to “fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,” as we adapt to changes in our world and within the Church. What an opportunity we have in these days as God’s servants to rise up and shine His light into the darkness of a hurting world! (Isaiah 60)

The good news is that His Church, through ADRN, has become that shining light in our region, invaluable to our community! Mayor Adler recently stated, “The Austin Disaster Relief Network has become a real important asset and a great value to the City of Austin for over a decade.”

Through your faith-filled support, hundreds of thousands of survivors have seen His glory through His Church and experienced hope in crisis through:

- Financial support to rebuild and repair their homes;
- Funding and assistance to re-establish their lives in safe and clean homes, including apartments, mobile homes, and RV’s;
- Free clothing, shoes, linens, toiletries, furniture, and disaster supplies;
- Emergency funds for immediate needs like gas, food, temporary shelter, and more;
- Emotional support through our Call Center, emotional care team, and trained Shepherds;
- Physical help as volunteers muck out homes, clear debris, serve food, create care kits, and help families move into safe and clean homes; and
- Spiritual support through prayers that impact the hearts of survivors, and through the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ shared through words, actions, and demonstrations of His love.

What an inspiring picture of a radiant Church that lays down her life and prepares and trains to meet survivors’ needs and reveal the face of Christ! Would you prayerfully consider making a year-end financial gift to help ADRN continue supporting families impacted by disaster and equipping the Church in Greater Austin and beyond?

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2020 PRAISE REPORT | HIS STORY. HIS IMPACT.

We recently assisted one survivor who lost his home and his 12-year-old daughter to a fire. Can you imagine their grief? Disaster relief is more than getting people back into safe and clean homes. We walk with people in the darkest moments of their lives to offer hope and the love of Jesus. This is what Christ calls us to do.

Over the last 12 months, the Lord has given ADRN the grace to:

- Assist 932 families and invest nearly $1.8 million to help survivors get back on their feet emotionally and spiritually and into safe and clean homes;
- Respond to multiple major disasters, including COVID-19, Hurricane Dorian, Tropical Storm Imelda, the Onalaska tornado, and Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta, assisting the Church to mobilize in each response;
- Meet the emotional, spiritual, and physical needs of 465 local families impacted by everyday disasters like home fires and floods. An estimated 980 individuals received free clothing, shoes, linens, and more from our sister organization, Hope Family Thrift Store;
- Contribute $100,000 to the Highland Lakes Crisis Network (which we helped launch in 2018) so they could help more families impacted by the Hill Country Floods; and
- Fund the repair and rebuilding of 12 homes damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Harvey in the Beaumont/Port Arthur area.

ADRN LAUNCHES NATIONAL TRAINING ACADEMY

In 2020, ADRN officially launched their National Training Academy (NTA) by training and equipping Houston Responds, a Christian organization comprised of 21 church network coalitions representing over 300 churches. This organization was birthed in response to Hurricane Harvey; its leaders have been assisted and connected with ADRN since 2017.

ADRN’s National Division plans to hold one more NTA training this year in November 2020. Four cities have already applied to attend. Our goal is to equip 100 cities by the end of 2024.

“If ADRN wasn’t able to help us, we would be homeless.”
- Joshua Morgan
House Fire Survivor

IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS...

89 DISASTERS RESPONDED TO

ONALASKA TORNADO

41 FAMILIES RECEIVED ASSISTANCE

241+ VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST

12 FAMILIES CONNECTED TO A LOCAL CHURCH

HURRICANE LAURA

$30,000 RAISED FOR SURVIVORS

1,317 DISASTER SURVIVOR HOTLINE CALLS

161+ CARE KITS DISTRIBUTED

"The NEW Hope Prayer Center lasts September Sacred Assembly"
ADRN VISION 2021 | TOP GOALS

- Finalize a comprehensive plan to decentralize our readiness and response plan through the local Church and realign our organization's structure to accomplish this mission. This includes:

  - Establishing local disaster response teams within churches on the network.
  - Empowering Greater Austin churches with the tools to equip and train their own volunteers.
  - Establishing collaborative community response plans with church leaders across Greater Austin.
  - Launching a new volunteer portal and online training platform, which will empower volunteers to stay informed of important organizational developments, key volunteer and training opportunities, and disaster deployments.

TOP 4 ACHIEVEMENTS

Responded to the unprecedented crisis of COVID-19 to serve our city by collecting over 600,000 PPE’s for the City of Austin.

Helped distribute $773,067 to 84 churches across Greater Austin that were financially impacted by the COVID-19 crisis through the 2:44 CARES Fund. Funds were used to meet the needs of church members, church staff, and the surrounding community.

Launched ADRN’s National Training Academy online July 14th-21st with an additional training planned for November.

Responded to the crisis facing our city, nation, and world with a City-wide Sacred Assembly in September with 30 days of unceasing worship, prayer, and fasting for our city and nation livestreamed from HOPE Prayer Center. 41 churches committed to help cover 24 hours of prayer while worship leaders and intercessors gathered from around the city day and night.

ADRN’s Needs for 2020

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on our ministry, ADRN needs to raise $620,000 by December 31, 2020. Would you partner with us today by making a single or monthly gift as God continues to write His story of redemption through ADRN in the lives of people facing crisis? **Every dollar given will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to $100,000 thanks to a very generous Christian foundation. Will you partner with us today to equip the Church for tomorrow?**

Ways You Can Help:

1) Make a single or monthly gift to help us continue to bring hope into crisis! Your partnership makes all the difference.

Your donation allows ADRN to offer top-rated spiritual, emotional, and physical trainings to volunteers so they are ready to mobilize when crisis strikes.

- **$50** pays for one volunteer’s advanced certified training,
- **$100** for two volunteers, **$250** for five volunteers, and
- **$500** for ten volunteers’ advanced certified training.

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Volunteering is a special role. When you pursue God’s calling to serve others, you bring glory to our Father who rejoices as you meet the needs of His children. Find a position that’s right for you, and join us today!

2) Become a Shepherd and work directly with disaster survivors. Train with us, and come alongside people in crisis as an ADRN Shepherd. You don’t have to have all the answers, you just need a heart willing to bring hope to those in crisis. Visit adrn.org/drs2 for more information.

Thank you for standing with us to serve those He loves! We are truly grateful. You are essential to shape the way the Church leads in times of crisis. May God richly bless you and your family in the fullness of His love!

Sincerely,

Daniel Geraci
Founder | Executive Director

Join Our Network

INVEST
Give to the ministry of ADRN today, and rebuild lives impacted by disaster tomorrow. Every dollar helps bring lasting hope as ADRN fulfills the calling of the ministry. Invest in the future of crisis response!

TRAIN
Train and learn to become #IAMReady by equipping yourself with the tools necessary to respond in times of crisis. There are opportunities for everyone to serve in how they are called to do so.

PARTNER
When community business partners give financial resources, goods and services in times of disaster, it elevates ADRN’s effectiveness, impacting more lives. Partner with us today!

VOLUNTEER
Volunteering is a special role. When you pursue God’s calling to serve others, you bring glory to our Father who rejoices as you meet the needs of His children. Find a position that’s right for you, and join us today!

View a digital version online with videos and more at: adrn.org/vision2021

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