



MISSIONARY SUPPLY NETWORK

## Operation Haleigh Spotlight



To say that Mary Earlywine has had a tough time since the storm would be an understatement. While her mobile home was located far from Katrina's devastating storm surge and flooding it did not escape her damaging winds. Mary, a separated mom of one girl, Haleigh (12), was and is trying her best to make ends meet on the meager wages she earns part time at the Diamondhead Waffle House. This plus a Social Security disability check for \$552 is all she has to get by on monthly.

Fortunately, Mary owns the property that the mobile home sat on located in northern Hancock County, some 20 miles north of Kiln, MS. This allowed her to receive \$3,000 from FEMA. After the storm she moved to Alabama to stay with relatives since there were no schools opened for Haleigh to attend locally. They returned in January of 2006, to live in the mobile home while spending the \$3,000 trying to fix the roof and buckled floors and walls without success. With each rain she had to wring the water out of her belongings. After living a year in these deplorable conditions they were forced out of the home for health reasons due to mold exposure. Her mother was able to get a FEMA trailer placed on the property. She and Haleigh lived there until they moved with her mother and step dad to a house in Wiggins, MS, an hour away.



Mary continues to work at the Waffle House. She is only allowed to work 20 hours in order to continue to receive her disability check due to her bi-polar disorder for which she is on medication. They are in extremely cramped conditions at her mother's and desperately need to get a structure rebuilt where the mobile home once stood. This case comes to us from Kathleen Johnson, Director, Waveland Citizen's Fund. Thanks to a grant they have been able to purchase a 576 sq. ft. home package from 84 Lumber. The Mennonites from Christian Aid Ministries set the piers for the foundation. The package did not include the foundation or flooring system so the project has been at a standstill awaiting funding for the cement, banding, floor joists and decking. MSN decided to fund these items. As a result, the Mennonites have completed the foundation, flooring, walls and roof. We will take it from this point to completion.

This is a tough situation. Our goal is to get Mary and the girls into a safe and sanitary home. It will be small by our standards but huge by theirs. They are going to need a lot of help. At this point they have none of the finishing items for the home including kitchen cabinets, countertops, vanity, appliances, electric or plumbing fixtures or furniture.

Will you help us help this poor family with your prayers, time or monetary donations? It would be GREATLY APPRECIATED.



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