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From the Senior Editor

It is such a joy to serve alongside men and women around Virginia through the SBC of Virginia. Many of these faithful servants also write articles for and help produce this publication. One of those encouraging and talented people is Ishmael LaBiosa. He serves through media and communications to tell the story of what God is doing in and through SBCV churches to share the Gospel with our neighbors and the nations. He also helps with the editing of the Proclaimer.

Ishmael, along with the other members of our communications team, comes alongside the staff and volunteers of so many churches and ministries to consult and help them with their communications. He has a real heart for our relief ministries and earlier this year helped to develop the campaign, #IWearYellow. I thought it would be nice in this issue, dedicated to sharing the stories of Disaster Relief, that you heard from him in this letter from the editor:

From the Editor

Natural disasters know no boundaries. I've witnessed this firsthand in many places through media coverage. I've visited ground zero locations after tornados ripped through neighborhoods in Virginia, hurricanes blew apart communities in the South, and earthquakes broke homes and schools in Nepal.

One thing remains constant in all of these scenarios—God. He is the God of the mountain and the God of the valley. He knew these life-changing events would happen. Yet He is our protector in the storm. He is our sustainer after the storm. And He also knew who would be sent to help.

It is so encouraging to find men and women wearing yellow shirts helping families impacted in these scenarios. SBC of Virginia Disaster Relief

volunteers give their time and resources to cut trees, remove debris, clean out water and mud, and help families rebuild their lives—all in the name of Jesus.

We created the campaign, #IWearYellow, to show appreciation for those who serve as well as to recruit new team members. Many of our faithful volunteers are unable to continue the heavy-lifting, and we need more men and women to get trained so they can serve when we receive the next call for help.

You have the power to make a physical and eternal difference in difficult times. We invite you to be a part of this yellow-shirt family. I look forward to seeing you in action when I show up at the next location with my camera.





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