

Rebuilding Homes Restoring Hope

When Hurricane Helene swept through western North Carolina, eastern Tennessee, and southwestern Virginia, thousands of families were displaced. The Davis family is now living in three small campers scattered across their property, just steps from where their home once stood.

A team of SBC of Virginia Rebuild volunteers recently returned from Mountain City, Tennessee, where they spent a week helping the Davis family rebuild. Mike Davis shares the property with his wife, son, daughter-in-law, and two teenage grandsons. While the team worked, family members occasionally peeked in—quietly watching their new house being framed and insulated—their hope slowly restored.

Volunteers made significant progress: insulating walls, installing ceiling and wall panels, constructing porches and decks, and running electrical and plumbing lines. Rainy conditions and tight spaces didn't slow them down. By the end of the week, multiple rooms were finished, front and back steps completed, and electrical systems were ready for final hookup, once the interior work was complete.

Not only were families affected by Hurricane Helene, but church ministries were, too. In an earlier deployment to Damascus, Virginia, another SBCV Rebuild team provided essential services by hanging 300 sheets of drywall in a church basement that had been fully submerged during the flood. While the church remained open, its basement, kitchen, and fellowship space had to be completely gutted and sanitized. The drywall installation and finishing work moved the church a step closer to regaining its use.

Each board lifted and every screw driven was an act of obedience to,

***Love your neighbor
as yourself.*** Mark 12:31

These volunteer teams didn't serve for recognition but because the love of Christ compelled them to act.

SBCV's Rebuild ministry is funded through *Vision Virginia* and sends teams every month to help people recover from disasters. Upcoming ministry trips are planned July 13–19 and August 3–9. ■

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