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Life after Katrina: Traffic, volunteers, food, ice, etc.

Traffic snarls

This was the scene on U.S. 59 South of Hattiesburg, the day after Hurricane Katrina struck South Mississippi. Traffic creeps around the debris left scattered by Hurricane Katrina. The southbound lane was the only one passable. The northbound lane, between Poplarville and Hattiesburg, was closed.



Similar to scenes throughout coastal counties, PRCC Tech Prep Coordinator Brenda Wells (right) was one of the many volunteers who sorted through and distributed thousands of donated items.



At a non-denominational, community-wide service held in a grocery store parking lot, several local ministers gave words of encouragement from a magazine stand pulpit.



Similar to many scenes, refugees unable to return home share a pew in the shelter at a local church.



Refugees were served three hot meals a day at a local Baptist Church turned shelter.



Local and visiting soldiers became heroes who distributed food, water, ice, and provided help with law and order.



The Department of Human Services spent two days (Sept. 18-19) on the PRCC main campus distributing food stamps to distressed families seeking relief. Thousands of vehicles were parked near the soccer field and patrons were bussed to the Technology Center. Members of the National Guard were on hand to help park vehicles and keep the process running smoothly.