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# Russ & Jo's Digest



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## The Hand of God at Work in New Orleans



What were we thinking? Teens in New Orleans!

Once again, we used our Spring Break to go with 26 others from our church to New Orleans. Eight years after hurricane Katrina we didn't see storm damage, but we did find a lot of damaged lives.

Since last year, we've grown close to Pastor Tom Bilderback and his wife Sonja at The Vieux, a church in the heart of the French Quarter. His congregation is comfortable with homeless people, prostitutes, drag queens and other folk you might not find in your local church.

Their mission is helping people find hope and restoration in Jesus Christ and He has not disappointed them. We marvel at every story of drug addicts breaking free. Homosexuals hearing God in dreams and finding new life. Jobless, homeless, alcoholics becoming clean, sober and employed.

Our God is an awesome God!



Caleb connected with kids via the universal language of sports.



God's love for this crazy city never ceases to amaze me.



Amy is always finding new friends.

*Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement.*

*You may never know this side of heaven just how much work you've done to impact others, but we hope you always know we cherish your partnership with us in ministry now.*

*In Him, Russ & Jo Anne*