

Los Angeles Fire Relief Fund

LONG BEACH CHURCH COLLECTIVE



WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO BRING HOPE AND HEALING?

Long Beach Church Collective is partnering with Antioch Church of Long Beach to help Victory Bible Church (VBC) in North Pasadena raise \$2.5 million over 24 months. These funds will support families displaced by the deadly Eaton Fire under the Legacy Land Project, a Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation established by VBC in response to this tragedy.

THE \$2.5 MILLION RAISED BY THIS PROPOSAL WILL ENABLE 30 FAMILIES TO GET BACK INTO THEIR RED-TAGGED HOMES AND WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER 30 FAMILIES WITH WORLD-CLASS WRAP-AROUND CARE TO BEGIN THE LONG ROAD OF REBUILDING.

Situated blocks from the fire's edge, VBC has been a cornerstone in the Altadena/Pasadena community for over 40 years, gathering residents for worship, community building, and civil activism. It's no surprise that VBC has taken a leading role in responding to the victims ravaged by the Eaton Fire in early January, 2025.

The on-going needs are overwhelming: housing for displaced residents, security from predatory practices, disparities in response, legal and insurance guidance, preservation of property ownership, cleaning for smoke and ash damage, and the rebuilding of homes. (Many of these homes are been passed down through 3rd or 4th generations of Black residents.)



People worldwide have contacted VBC to offer help, and in this sort of disaster, fundraising efforts that stretch beyond Southern California are essential. In the month since the fire, VBC has distributed \$800,000 in cash and in-person donations, given 15 cars to those who now lack their own transportation, and helped negotiate 200 1-week hotel stays for families; so much more is needed.



In a 2007 study of post-disaster neighborhood redevelopment led by the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, researchers noted that there was “something about the church that made it both different and highly effective in disaster events.” It is the church’s commitment to on-going, sustainable, long-lasting care and support that makes this difference, and VBC is just such a church.



These funds will provide immediate assistance for the cleaning of 30 red-tagged homes and will also give 30 more families the care they needed as they rebuild.

VBC is doing its part to feed, clothe, and provide wrap-around care for all who need it. Among those rallying to provide aid for VBC’s fire response are four significant evangelical congregations (Mariner’s Church, Eastside Church, Saddleback Church, and Shepherd of the Hills).

**WILL YOU, AS PART OF
CHRIST’S GLOBAL BODY,
JOIN THEIR EFFORTS AND
FINANCIALLY SUPPORT
THIS MINISTRY?**

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MUCH HAS BEEN LOST

7,800

STRUCTURES DAMAGED

1,000

**HOMES BURNED TO
THE GROUND**

100

BUSINESSES DESTROYED

10

**CHURCHES BURNED TO
THE GROUND**

8

**SCHOOLS BURNED TO
THE GROUND**

43

**VBC FAMILIES
LOST HOMES**

52

VBC HOMES RED-TAGGED



**SCAN TO
DONATE**