



a **Paste** FOR DISASTER RELIEF



Mark Clayton, a member of Hunter Street Baptist Church, Hoover, seeks to minister in Christ's name in the wake of disaster.

Clayton's start in disaster relief came when a group of men from the church traveled to Honduras where they rebuilt a church structure seriously damaged by Hurricane Mitch in 1999. A few months later, he and his wife, Liz, helped build a church facility in Brazil.

But Clayton states he felt the call to disaster relief strongly after a trip to Venezuela in the aftermath of devastating floods in January 2000.

Having served as part of the water purification team, Clayton said he commented afterward, "This is the coolest ministry I've ever seen. I want to be a part of this."

Perceiving his call as "a cup of cold water in Jesus' name" was also part of Clayton's process of discovering his spiritual gift of mercy, he suggested.

State Missionary Tommy Puckett characterizes Clayton as "a humble, compassionate, energetic, risk-taking servant leader. Mark will do anything when called upon to respond. Even when looking danger in the face, Mark knows his God is sovereign."

Puckett noted Clayton has ministered on numerous occasions, including in 9/11 relief efforts, in Iran following an earthquake in December 2003, in the wake of numerous recent hurricanes, and most recently on an island off Indonesia following an earthquake earlier this year.

"Mark not only seeks to help in practical ways after a disaster," Puckett said, "but he provides a witness for Jesus Christ. This is an essential role and expectation we have for all our disaster relief volunteers."

For more information on how to become involved in Alabama Baptist disaster relief efforts, please contact State Missionary Tommy Puckett at 1-800-264-1225, ext. 229, tpuckett@alsbom.org OM

