WINTER STORM RESPONSE

The city of Austin and the state of Texas suffered a major weather event in February 2021. The freezing temperatures caused an overload to our power grid and many in our city lost power and then water.

In response, the people of The Austin Stone came together to provide disaster relief and rehabilitation. Below is a snapshot that gives a glimpse of what God did through our collective efforts.

IMPACT REPORT

Numbers don't tell stories, but they sure can help some people understand impact. The following are some key stats that indicate God's grace, mercy, and power.

4,574

Individuals served in Greater Austin

331

Families served through individual benevolence requests

16,500

Gallons of water were distributed

264

Faithful volunteers served

26

Communities served that were sheltering 100+ people

63

Drivers activated for rescues, supplies, and resource deliveries

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS



Disaster Relief

Sent 16 teams out into the community for disaster relief.



Benevolence

Over \$150,000 was donated to the mercy fund.

\$57,000 given to rehabilitation efforts through the following partners. "At my school alone, we were able to deliver and pass out over 300 cases of water to families in need. One family started weeping when I helped her load her car because they had been without water for 10 days and weren't expecting water back for another 10. She was overwhelmed with gratitude."

"I got to drive a stranded woman to safety.
During the drive I learned she was someone who grew up in the church but had walked away. When began to share that I was apart of the church and God used our conversation. I was able to to pray with her she recommitted her life to Christ."

Rehabilitation efforts with the following partners:

The Other Ones Foundation: Development for resettlement of homeless Side By Side Kids: On-going aid / relief for learning center families

Austin Independent School District: Aid- food/water, school supplies distribution

Six Square: Support of black-owned businesses

Refugee Services: Winter storm assylum-seeker care

The Immigration Coalition: Clean water for vulnerable immigrant communities World Relief: Long-term investment in anticipation of influx of immigrants/refugees