

How long will my church/ organization be a *Nehemiah Partner*?

- It is expected that you will remain as a *Nehemiah Partner* until the project you are assigned is completed.
- It would be helpful to ask to be a *Nehemiah Partner* for another DANI family once a project is completed, but it is not required.

How can we become a *Nehemiah Partner*?

Contact the Director for DANI
(director@daniflood.org or (877) 773-0249)
with:

- Your organization's name.
- Name, address, email, and phone of your organization's liaison.
- Some indication of the size of project with which you want to participate.
- When you want to begin.

You will be contacted to arrange a meeting between your liaison, the case worker, and the family.

The joy of GOD is your strength!

Nehemiah 8:10

Who is DANI? (Disaster Assistance for Northwest Indiana)

- A group to restore the equity people had developed prior to the flooding in January and February 2008.
- A coalition of more than 30 faith-based and community-based non-profit organizations in Carroll, White, Jasper, Tippecanoe, Benton, Pulaski, Fulton, and Cass counties
- Working on three coordinated fronts: Case Management; Construction; Finance
- DANI mission of pre-flood wholeness...not life improvement
- Estimated \$3 million in unmet need among more than 100 families.
- DANI will work to leverage other available resources.
- DANI funds will be offered when no other options exist.

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Nehemiah Partners

*Restoring
Flood Survivors
to Pre-flood
Wholeness*



What is a *Nehemiah Partner*?

Nehemiah Partners are an integral part of the long-term recovery of the January and February 2008 flooding in the DANI area. Nehemiah was a Jewish captive in ancient Persia, elevated to cupbearer for King Artaxerxes. He had a great concern for his people who had returned to Jerusalem. As a layman, he was called by God and granted leave by the King to restore Jerusalem and led the rebuilding of the city walls. God is still looking for people like Nehemiah who will make a difference in difficult places:

People with vision who see possibilities, not problems

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People with courage who will finish the job

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People with faith who believe that God will use them

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A *DANI Project* is created after the DANI Finance Committee approves a family's case for assistance with unmet needs. The case will include a detailed description of the need, the resources already received and available, and a long-term plan for recovery. The case will also detail the needed resources, including materials, labor, and other items.

Once a *DANI project* has been created, the DANI Director will identify a *Nehemiah Partner church or service organization* to come along side of the project family. If additional labor is needed, an outside volunteer group will also be assigned.

What are the expectations/responsibilities of...

...the Nehemiah Partner?

- Provide an organizational liaison
- Stand beside the DANI family
- Providing personal and spiritual guidance as appropriate
- Providing volunteer labor to assist getting back to pre-flood wholeness
- Providing some financial assistance to meet the DANI project goals; possibly matched by DANI funds.
- Staying within the scope of overall DANI objectives
- Possibly joining forces with another church

...DANI?

- Provide a case management liaison, who serves as an advocate for the family
- Training in appropriate relationships and available resources
- Validation of the expressed needs of the family
- Coordination of restoration efforts
- Identification of existing resources that can assist with the family restoration project
- Registry of available family projects: From "labor only" to "\$60,000"

...the project family?

- Shared partnership
- Cooperation and honesty in dealing with the DANI volunteers and the *Nehemiah Partner*
- Applying for all available and appropriate benefits from FEMA, Insurance, and SBA Loans
- Using a reasonable portion of savings, family energy and resources, and supplying reasonable personal participation in the restoration.

