

## **TIMING**

The narrative that follows is presented in the present tense like this is how reality is unfolding. That is the recommended way to think about, talk about and imagine a desirable future vision for a ministry.

This is like a story of me as the founder and executive director walking through a best-case scenario. I am inviting you to join me along this journey in your imagination. What we encounter along the way will become fuel for prayers, preparations and funding. In other documents those parts will be presented from the highest level of summary to the lowest level of details.

Currently Four Bridges Ministry is on the drawing table. I am in the process of enrolling the Launch Team of intercessors, advisors and donors. The hurricane season begins June 1, 2006. That is when the Gulf of Mexico gets warm enough to produce a hurricane. This narrative vision with the other documents can guide us in getting ready for the first hurricane and others that follow. There are an average of six hurricanes each year.

Obviously as a start-up ministry we cannot be expected to immediately have all the pieces in place and working well. We will do the best we can and learn as we go. Understandably many donors are reluctant to contribute to an unproven ministry. However, after we have gained a track record of serving the evacuees, rebuilders as well as the family and friends of them for a few times then the donor reluctance will decrease.

Along the way as the executive director I will be making fund raising presentations to business owners and wealthy people. Therefore at anytime there could be a huge influx of funds to propel us toward the vision that follows.

Today it feels like the quickest this could happen is 3 months and that slowest is 3 years. Either way I do not care. My objective is to faithfully follow Jesus daily while imitating Paul who said in Acts 26:19 "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."