



Morris Love Home Again Spotlight

Hurricane Matthew caused an estimated \$1.5 billion in damages to North Carolina, affecting more than 100,000 homes, businesses and government buildings.

Hurricane Matthew I mean, it um, it had a tremendous impact on me. And I almost had, I almost lost my kids. Um I'm a foster parent. and me and my niece, my fiancée, and two little boys that I had they all, we all got up and started looking at the weather and it started getting worse and worse and worse. And thank God a helicopter flew over. By the grace of God, they were able to lift all five of us up in the air, in the helicopter and take us to Wilmington.

So I inquired about, I inquired to people about helping to finish my home. I was told to go to ReBuild by North Carolina. So I went over there and talked to them, and they gave me an application. I filled it out. Actually, they helped me fill out the application. Then they say, "No. You ain't got to do nothing." Barbara Thomson is your contractor and. She'll do everything for you. Everything. It will be set up for you. And you just talk to them and y'all stay in contact with each other and it will get done.

Then they say well Mr. Love, we have another little hurdle. We're gonna, we're going to give you a home and help you get your home and everything. We're going to take everything and set it up, but we can't put it back out there on your land. You're going to have to get some more land. Well we've got another little program that we can put you in.

So they put me in that little program and it helped me out tremendously. And so I was able to purchase this here land and it's where I'm at today.

I really am. I mean I was impressed with all of them, "We're going to get this done. You went, you've come this far. Everything we've asked for you done it. Everything we needed you got. And we ain't stopping now." It was just like she grabbed my hand and said, "We're going to get this done. Let's go together."

And they got it done. I mean, you know, I am very pleased with it. As a matter of fact, I'm getting ready to get another little boy now. I called my case workers, and they checked everything out. The next day I had my license back again so I was ready for foster kids.