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OPERATION TORNADO 'BUILDING BEE' RESTORES 186 HOMES IN FLINT

...sing again out of a tornado-made wilderness — the area on Flint, Michigan's northern outskirts — hit by a devastating twister. Flint's Beecher District looked like this last June 8th.... homes leveled, 116 dead, 900 injured. Makeshift dwellings and trailers have housed the homeless, but more permanent homes are needed for the winter. So, a mammoth good-neighbor project begins...Operation Tornado — volunteers from many Michigan cities, some 5 thousand professional and amateur workers, in what they call the world's biggest "building bee". The objective is restoration of 186 houses in two days. Racing against the clock, a "good Samaritan" army — on a nine-mile battlefront...Saws and hammers, sweat and toil; broiling upper-ninety-degree heat notwithstanding, they work from dawn to dusk. The next day, work continues; more houses rushed to completion. It's estimated the volunteers put in about 76-thousand man hours, contributing about 152-thousand-dollars worth of free labor. The sponsors of the building bee happily see the project reaching fruition. Home, is home again, for families who in two days found this new life, through the kindness that man can have for man!