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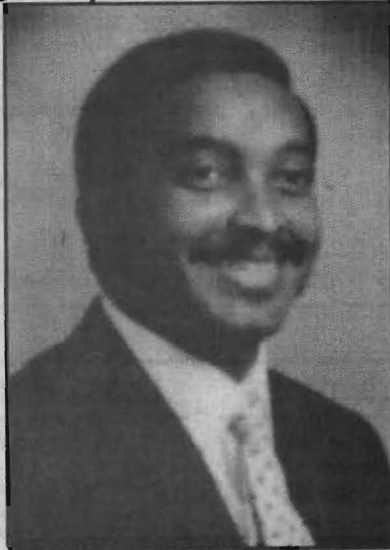
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Dr. Simon Burney



Rev. Annie Burney

Missionaries aid victims of Floyd

Two local missionaries of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Beaufort are working with families still struggling with the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd.

Dr. Simon A. Burney and the Rev. Annie H. Burney, associate ministers of Mt. Zion, have served five FEMA mobile home campsite communities in Nash and Edgecombe counties through Operation Friends Helping Friends Outreach Ministries since September 1999.

The Operation FHF outreach project is a component of the Friends Helping Friends Family Resource Center Inc. The mission of the center is to support families in their healthy development and growth within the community.

To date, the ministry has as-

sisted hundreds of families with therapeutic pastoral counseling food distribution, clothing, rental assistance and more.

While many have gone back to their homes, there are still hundreds who formerly lived in public or government housing, of which construction will not be completed for another two or three years.

The Burneys had planned to move for a job transfer to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in September 1991. But after much thought and prayer, they decided to join the ministry.

For more information about Friends Helping Friends, call 252-266-2953/2952. Donations can be sent to Friends Helping Friends Family Resource Center Inc., PO Box 7023 Tarboro, N.C. 27886.