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Mission Moment

Hurricane Michael caused massive devastation across the Florida Panhandle, leaving Mexico Beach and other communities unrecognizable as nearly every house, landmark, and building was washed away. Thousands of volunteers are helping hundreds of families recover and rebuild from this storm.

Darren and Colleen are two volunteers making an impact. They came from their home in Canada because they saw a need and wanted to show God's love and compassion to these victims who are hurting.

Both Darren and Colleen are military veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. They participated in the Samaritan's Purse Project, **Operation Heal Our Patriots**. This weeklong marriage enrichment training in Alaska was a turning point in their lives. God used this experience to change their hearts.

In the Alaskan wilderness, Darren and Colleen found restoration for their crumbling marriage. Instead of continuing on a path towards divorce, they renewed their vows and made a new commitment to keep Jesus Christ at the center of their lives and marriage.

This life changing experience inspired them to volunteer with **Samaritans Purse Disaster Relief**. They wanted to be a part of helping people in need, whether it is a broken marriage or a destroyed home.

As we light the second candle of our advent wreath today, honoring Love, let us pray and give thanks to this loving couple that renewed their commitment to Jesus Christ **and** each other as they willingly volunteer their compassion and service to others in need.

