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No better time to visit Houston than this weekend of MLK

The weather was as nice as New York in May

To learn about civil rights

And the floods that continue to give people frights

We heard many personal accounts

Of how people were horribly affected when the water came in huge amounts

Their lives changed in an instant

But somehow barely anyone outside the affected area knew of the severity of the disaster, other stories were broadcast instead and this was too distant

Some have been able to rebuild while keeping a remarkably positive attitude

People come together to support and sustain each other by sharing food

Institutions continue, the Montessori school is still attended

Even though the children don't all understand why their learning was temporarily suspended

A veterans house still need repair

We get the opportunity to prime and paint the outside with care

While others move belongings that can finally be taken out of storage

For houses that were inhabitable but still required a mortgage

Amen declared at Sunday services

The reverends words were powerful, even for someone's first time in church there's wasn't a feeling of nervousness

What they did for the needy was amazing

Giving them food, haircuts, clothing, medical attention, job opportunities, and more is life changing

I feel so lucky to have gotten this experience

I really hope I was able to have made a difference

No better use of time