

Restoring the heart

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On Aug 28<sup>th</sup> David and wife Debra left their home in New Orleans to visit their son in California, believing this storm would be like so many others they had lived through without much incident. But after six weeks and two attempts to return to their property, they were finally able to inspect the damage.

Grateful to be safe, one of David's only desires was to find his guitars; what he found was unbelievable. One was buried in 2½ feet of silt. David literally had to chisel out the acoustic guitar from the floor.

Hoping to get it restored, he was told there was no way it could be repaired and that he may as well throw it away. David could not bring himself to do that as these instruments were so much a part of him. He painstakingly took apart each piece, cleaning, repairing and refinishing them. Gluing, reattaching, and finishing each one took several months.

"I had to adapt and learn new things I had never done before" he said. "We have a very different life here but we are here to stay."

After months of painstaking work,

David fully restored the guitar, and with the incredible gift of David's playing, it has found a new rich sound that fills the room and touches the heart.



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