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Volunteers In Mission/Disaster Response Update 8-24-11

Reading, KS:

Need for skilled volunteers in Reading, KS to Assist Residents Impacted by May 21 Tornado

Steve Burnett, Assistant Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, has been working with the residents and assisting agencies in Reading since the tornado. He has facilitated the Long Term Recovery Committee as well as the case management process. The following need for teams has come from this Long Term Recovery Committee:

- Concrete finishers to form, install rebar, pour and finish footings and slab for a home
- People with experience in installing metal roofs and sidewalls
- Installing skirting on a mobile home
- Installing replacement windows and replacing glass in existing windows
- Roofing (shingled roofs)

If you have the skills and the ability to serve in Reading, please e-mail Steve at:
srburn@madtel.net

Joplin, MO:

We received the following note from Missouri Conference UMC Office of Creative Ministry (Please let Julie know if you are planning to send a team to Joplin):

Notice: The Joplin Volunteers in Mission team schedule is closed for the months of August and September. The city of Joplin has utilized an expedited debris removal process and most of that work has been completed. We will have limited work for volunteer teams until state case management can identify and approve rebuilding projects for our future Joplin Response. Please continue to be flexible with us as we work with the city of Joplin to meet their needs.

2011 Flooding:

We continue the flood fight in Elwood, Atchison and Leavenworth. It has been a very long summer! In Elwood, our levee system has held up, but interior ground water has flooded a massive amount of farmland, roads, basements...etc. I have reports that three homes were flooded in Atchison and seven homes were flooded in Leavenworth. Numerous homes in North Western Missouri have also been affected. The clean-up effort cannot begin until the river is down several more feet when there is not a likelihood of re-flooding.

The levee in Elwood is being patrolled by the Kansas National Guard and at this time we are housing and feeding the 12 guardsmen out of the Elwood Emergency Operations Center utilizing United Methodist volunteers and funding from The Salvation Army. Julie Pohl, KS East Conference DR Coordinator is serving as the volunteer coordinator for this disaster.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP:

PRAYERS

Please keep all of the disaster survivors and responders in your prayers. Please also pray for the churches and congregations and numerous Annual Conferences who were affected by this disastrous spring. Please also keep praying for all of us who are located along the Missouri River as we continue this flood fight.

DONATIONS

Disaster Response donations may be sent to: The Kansas East Conference UMC, P.O. Box 4187, Topeka, KS 66604. Please mark checks for KS Area Disaster Response Fund or UMCOR Spring Storms 2011.

FLOOD BUCKET DRIVE

In response to recent flooding in Missouri and Arkansas, Kansas East Conference has sent over 400 flood buckets to Missouri. In order to build our supply back up we collected over 200 flood buckets during Annual Conference. With the ongoing threat of flooding on the Missouri River, these flood buckets are a definite need! We will continue to accept flood buckets and will arrange to pick them up if needed.



*Photo courtesy of Missouri Conference
UMC Office of Creative Ministries.*

Flood buckets contain:

EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP BUCKET

Emergency Clean-up Kits (Flood Buckets) enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a disaster here in the United States.

\$56 value of Items listed below Shipping—\$3/kit

1 five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid

1 dry laundry detergent, 50-78 oz.

1 roll heavy-duty trash bags, 24 to 28 count (30-45 gallon) (remove from box)
1 bottle liquid concentrated house-hold cleaner (like Lysol®), 12 oz.
1 bottle liquid antibacterial dish soap, (like Dawn®), 25 oz.
Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
50 clothes pins
1 scrub brush (remove packaging)
1 pair work gloves
2 pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)
7 sponges, assorted sizes
5 scouring pads
18 cleaning towels, (reusable, like Easy Wipes® NO Cotton towels)
5 dust masks
1 bottle insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol) 6-14 oz.

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Make sure lids on bottles are tightly closed. Put all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Seal lid with packing tape.

If you are collecting flood buckets to donate, please contact [Julie](#) for additional information.

Training

South Central Jurisdiction Disaster Response Academy

October

3 - 6



Disaster
Response
Academy



Mount Sequoyah

Deadline to register is September 2

\$250.00 per person for a double room

\$340.00 per single room

Includes lodging,
meals and
registration fee

Course Descriptions

Basic Track:

Basic DR 101 - Monday PM - Tuesday noon [Course description](#)

Team Leadership - Tues. afternoon

Basics of: FEMA, SEMA, VOAD, COAD - Wed. AM

Tabletop Overview - Who are the players and what are their jobs - Wed. AM

Tabletop Exercise - Wed. PM - Thurs. noon

Intermediate Tracks:

Connecting Neighbors - Mon. PM - Tues. PM [course description](#)

Ministry of Caring - Information and Referral - Wed. AM
Tabletop Exercise - Wed. PM - Thurs. noon

Volunteer Coordination Track

Hosting Volunteers - Mon. PM [course description](#)
On Site Management - Tues. AM [course descriptions](#)
Team Leadership - Tues PM
Volunteer Coordination Issues - Wed. AM [course description](#)
Tabletop Overview - Who are the players - what are their jobs - Wed. AM
Tabletop Exercise - Wed. PM - Thurs. noon

Advanced Tracks:

ERT Train The Trainer - Mon. PM – Tues. PM [course description](#)
ERT 200 Damage Assessments - Wed. AM
Tabletop Exercise - Wed. PM - Thurs. noon

