



White's Ferry Rd. members went to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, just days after the massive tornado hit there, and again last weekend. The damage there, along with the impending flooding, is so overwhelming that we feel compelled to appeal to you, our generous brothers and sisters across the country, to once again send your financial support so we can help re-build lives. For miles around us it looked like an exploded lumber yard or a war zone. At the end of the day, we looked back and realized that all of our labor and supplies had only scratched the surface. The important part of working side by side with folks whose lives have been destroyed is that they know you love them and care about them because we are family. I saw a tremendous opportunity for the church to reach out in love to members and neighbors during this time of need, thereby paving the way for the message of the gospel to be shared with many. There are quite a few people who have volunteered to provide food and labor, but there is still a major need of building supplies, transportation (vans and trucks), general supplies (like generators, bedding, tarps, etc...) and logistical coordination/organization. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us.

Nobody really knows what the Mississippi River will do to our area yet because not many of us were around in 1927 during the Great Mississippi Flood which severely damaged West Monroe, LA and surrounding areas. We will soon know as it reaches an all-time high at 12 feet above flood stage in some nearby locations. "It is going to be a slow-moving crest, and what that means is it does put pressure on those levees" said LA Gov. Bobby Jindal. Some of the levees (like in Texas Parish) are bending even as I write this letter. There have been so many disasters - Haiti, Japan and now in our country in such a short period of time. We thank you for partnering with us in many of these relief efforts. For those of you who can help, we thank you in advance for helping with this urgent need. HE never gives missions without provisions.

Through all this, we pray that God is glorified in attitudes, actions, and outcomes for that is the reason we serve in this



WFR Relief Team at Central Church of Christ



Twisted steel is evidence of the wind's power



Massive destruction in Alabama



Rising Mighty Mississippi as of 5-12-2011

ministry. We ask you to join us in this prayer first. Secondly, if you have been blessed with the capacity to help financially in this effort, we urge you to do so because we need funds to purchase the necessary items (which are different at every location) and more people to carry out the work. Many of you have responded immediately – Thank you. Know that people will be blessed and pointed to The Almighty through your support. Providing for the physical and spiritual needs of people during times like these allows the church to shine brightly and bless many. We know without a doubt that God will do what He sees fit and carry out His purpose in this work.

All counties in Alabama along with many in Mississippi, Georgia, and Arkansas have declared a state of emergency due to recent tornado damage. Tennessee, Louisiana, and many other states have declared an emergency due to flooding. Thank you for partnering with us, once again, to help hurting people in tough times and provide a great opportunity to show God’s love.

JAPAN UPDATE:

For those of you who were able to support the work in Japan, it is progressing as we speak. The damage was so extensive that it can hardly be expressed with words or even pictures. Our most recent deployment has just returned after assessing the damage and feeding people. They shared some valuable insights on the relief work as well as the customs, and churches in East Japan. Please pray specifically for God to raise up more national leaders in the church in Japan so the effort will be sustained for many years to come. With only three percent of the population claiming Christianity, there is a huge opportunity amidst this tragedy to offer the love and peace of Christ as we help those who have lost so much.



With nearly 30,000 dead or missing, the pictures express only a fraction of the loss.

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