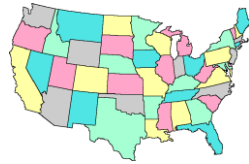




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"For we are labourers together with God" (I Cor. 3:9)



Whither We Goest, Thou Goest: By Your Prayers And Financial Support



Greetings to you all. We are thankful that we are still here and able to write this letter. As many of you know an F4 tornado swept through the town of Louisville killing nine and taking out many, many houses. Sandy and I drove to, and took shelter at the preacher's house when we heard a tornado had touched down south of us and was heading our way. I stood out in his carport and could see some debris all in the air swirling about. We could not see the whole funnel because we were too close. The roar got louder and louder and finally I decided I needed to take cover in the hall with the rest. When the tornado passed, a huge pine tree had blown down right beside the house. After things settled down some, Sandy and I were anxious to see what had become of our house on wheels – if we still had a house to go to. When we drove down the road a couple hundred yards, we could hardly believe our eyes: power lines down; huge trees everywhere; houses ripped apart, some with only the foundation standing. This is where the daycare center was that you likely heard about on the news. We were unable to get to the motorhome for some time because of all the debris in the road, but later we found everything was fine. We are most thankful. The internet picture (above) is before it hit town, I think.



Sandy and I went around seeing where we could help. We found one elderly couple and no one was there helping so we helped them. They survived by being in the center of the house which was the bathroom. Those were the only walls still standing. At Bible study that night, I gave the invitation and mentioned how this was a golden opportunity for the church to do good and get noticed in the community in a good light. After services one of the ladies told us that she had already heard about "that church of Christ couple who were so nice and friendly helping in the community."

None of the member's houses here were damaged, but one who visits on Wednesday nights lost her house. One of the member's 4 year old grand-daughter was injured badly when the daycare was hit and demolished. She is out of the hospital now and recovering well. It is amazing to hear some of the stories. Ones we have talked with, even those who have lost everything, have wonderful attitudes. They realize that life is much more precious than things. We could write pages about some of these people but will not. We are impressed with the community coming together to help one another! Even three little kids had a stand set up on the side of the road saying "**FREE** cookies and water." Several, on their own, came around offering food and water to the ones at the damaged houses. Sandy and I offered to stay here longer and help the church with the distribution of goods, but one said it was not necessary.

Before the tornado, Sandy and I passed out 243 packets of our regular material and Vernal, one of the members, took 15 packets to pass out in his community. One young family has requested a home study and BCC. We visited them and Ken is to call her after the gospel meeting and set up a time to show the filmstrips. On Saturday before the meeting, **twenty-nine came from the East Main congregation in Tupelo.** We are so thankful for their help in getting the many invitations out in the community. They worked very hard.

We are still in our gospel meeting and have had at least one visitor from the community to come. We have had several from various congregations to visit. Several of the members have been to every service.

We are so thankful for your generous support of us, both financially and by prayers. We pray God's many blessings on you all and we ask that you will continue to remember us in your prayers as we travel.

In His Service,
Perry & Sandy