Adventist Community Services Disaster Response Tornado Report

On Friday, March 2, 2012, several tornadoes struck at different times during the day and on into the evening hours. In Tennessee several groups immediately went to work helping with chainsaw teams, distribution and other immediate-help. Jim Ingersol, Southern Union Adventist Community Services Disaster Response Director, headed a team that operated chainsaws and did debris removal. The Samaritan Center, located in Ooltewah, TN immediately began mobile distribution with goods provided by Georgia-Cumberland Conference Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACS DR) warehouse and from Lowes, Home Depot and other corporate donors.

Terry Haight, Georgia-Cumberland Conference ACSDR Coordinator is coordinating the operation of a warehouse in Hamilton County, TN, northern edge of Chattanooga. Donated goods are being stored in churches and at a temporary command post, until a building for the warehouse is located.

Here are other reports and activities in the affected areas:

- Branson, Missouri biggest need is volunteers for debris clean up – Contact Roy Weeden (c) 641-583-533
- Harrisburg, Illinois – ACS DR Chain Saw Teams have been removing trees. Robert Bradley is coordinating the operation of a warehouse and seeking help with experienced warehouse management volunteers. Please contact him at 618-231-8165.
- Jeffersonville, Indiana - Established a warehouse and is receiving goods. So far 6 semitrailers have already arrived, and most of it is sorted. Latter Day Saints (LDS) is helping with volunteers. Al Currier, Indiana Conference ACS DR Coordinator is
seeking for experienced warehouse volunteers such as: floor manager, sorting manager, shipping manager, office manager, and volunteer managers. If anyone can help with leadership positions, please call Indiana Conference and ask for Julie Loucks – 317-844-6201. Southern Baptists have a convention center nearby, and they are offering for volunteers to stay at no cost (will provide breakfast and supper). Lunch and possibly supper will be provided by local church members at the warehouse and the hours are 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., or as needed. *Warehouse address: 700 Patrol Rd., Jeffersonville, IN.* Warehouse phone numbers are 812-287-0026, and 812-287-0090.

- Ohio and Kentucky are assessing the needs and considering either mobile distribution or warehouse operation.

Additional volunteer opportunities: Feed the Children looking for volunteer groups to do a distribution in one of the following towns: Piner, KY, Holton, IN, and Moscow, OH. Need the manpower to do the distributions. Call Charlene Sargent, Pacific Union ACS DR Coordinator at 661-477-3202.

Please continue to pray for those affected by these continuing disasters as well as those who so generously give of their time to help others in need.

To help support continued ACS DR operations:
1) Go to [www.communityservices.org](http://www.communityservices.org)
2) Call 1-800-381-7171, or
3) Mail a check or money order to:
   Adventist Community Services Disaster Response
   12501 Old Columbia Pike
   Silver Spring, MD 20904

*Photo is of Southern Illinois ACS DR Chain Saw Team working in Harrisburg, IL.*