What is the Main Mission of the Church?

If you ask Sung Kwon, national executive director of Adventist Community Services (ACS) that question, he will tell you that the mission of the church is community outreach. “Mission is not primarily an activity of the church, but an attribute of a missionary God,” he says. “We are His representatives, to demonstrate His love.”

ACS is established as a ministry of humanitarian relief and for individual and community development. It helps people when they are in need and it also helps to develop leadership and expertise in the. In addition, ACS in action builds collaborative partnerships with other organizations.

ACS hosts a family of ministries such as Disaster Response, Crisis Care/Spiritual and Emotional Care, Community Development/Urban Ministry, Elder Care Ministries, Youth Empowered to Serve (YES), and Tutoring/Mentoring Programs. It has also started two innovative programs: Nonprofit Leadership Certification Program (NLCP) and Adventist Urban Congress (AUC). These programs equip and develop pastors and lay-leaders to serve, and sometimes even transform our communities.

Isaiah 58:12 reminds us that we are the repairers and restorers, and to reconcile the broken relationship to God and turn the world to God’s way. That is what happens when we focus on compassion and social transformation.

We are the only “Bible” some will ever read. Will they read, “For I was hungry, while you had all you needed. I was thirsty, but you drank bottled water. I was a stranger, and you wanted me deported. I needed clothes, but you needed more clothes. I was sick, and you pointed out the
behaviors that led to my sickness. I was in prison, and you said I was getting what I deserved.” (The Hole in Our Gospel, Richard Stearns, World Vision)

Please continue to pray for those who have been affected by the numerous disasters affecting our nation. Visit the ACS website for more information about how ACS ministries are making a difference in people's lives, or to make a donation. Note: Click here to read previous “Tornado Updates.”

The entire month of May is designated for Community Services in the North American Division. May 7 will be Adventist Community Services Sabbath. For helpful resources for this special Sabbath, including a PowerPoint Presentation, sermon, and more, go to: http://www.communityservices.org/article.php?id=170.

( Photo: Sung Kwon with volunteers after Hurricane Katrina)

Walk in “His” Shoes — NAD

Reaches Out

On April 17, the NAD Reach Out group joined with the Takoma Park (Md.) Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church Pathfinder fair for a shoe-drive. For two weeks prior to the fair, NAD employees donated new and lightly-used shoes. Every possible style and size was donated as part of the Reach Out program. The response was overwhelming and community members of the Langley Park area were able to choose for themselves a pair of shoes from the many that were donated to this worthy cause.

This past January/February, the Reach Out group collected coats for distribution to the needy, and in December 2010 they collected personal items needed by the homeless. The Reach Out group is a part of the NAD office's participation in the Reach initiative for the next Quinquennium.

Church Destroyed in Tornado

Before (Also see Church Website Photo Gallery) and

After The Tornado:
Piedmont, Ala. Seventh-day Adventist Church - destroyed by a F5 Tornado on April 27. No one was injured!

Union Magazines

Upcoming Events:

Family Ministries - Church Growth Webinar, May 10 at 8 p.m. EST.

Non-profit Leadership Certification Program, May 15–19 Basic Curriculum

Adventist Single Adult Ministries Day, May 21

Babylon Rising, May 25-28

GIEN, June 1-5

Women's Emphasis Day, June 11

Family Celebration Sabbath, “Celebration of Love,” June 15-16

PSI's International Conference on Philanthropy, June 21–24

ASI Convention, August 3–6

3rd Annual Adventist Interpreters Conference, August 3-7

Festival of the Laity, September 7–10

Astonishing Discoveries in the Land of the Bible, September 14–18

Let’s Move Day, Sept 25

Go Fish! Children's Ministries Convention, October 7-9

Prophecies Decoded: Can the Past Reveal Your Future? September 30–October 29
The following are positive stories that appeared this week in the news about Seventh-day Adventists in the North American Division territory.

**Adventists in the News**

**Church to hold seminar on creation vs. evolution**  
Bowling Green Daily News, May 3

**Adventist Disaster Response Warehouse accepts donations**  
al.com (blog), May 3

**Site Set up for Donations**  
WAAY, May 2

**Donate items to help flood victims**  
Mansfield News Journal, May 2

**Volunteers tend to victims in storm-ravaged South**  
Toledo Blade, April 30

**Announcements**

**WATCH: Tornado Survivors on Hope**

Watch World of Hope on Saturday, May 7, 6:00 p.m. EDT (on DIRECT TV channel 368) or online at www.hopetv.org where the hosts will be speaking with Adventist church members who recently found themselves directly in the path of the deadly tornadoes.

**U.S. Disaster Assistance**

If you, or anyone you know who does not have ready access to information who needs assistance because of the recent disasters, survivors can apply for disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**Warehouse Donation Sites**

Disaster Response Donation Management sites are listed on the ACS website and Facebook page. Contact information is included for consultations about large-quantity needs.

**Adventist Community Services Disaster Response** (ACS DR) teams are
helping people and communities suffering from losses dealt by the recent tornadoes, fires and floods. ACS DR, in partnership with other voluntary agencies and Federal and state governments, meets the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those affected by providing food, blankets, clothing, and other much needed relief supplies. Adventist churches, schools and mobile distribution units are utilized to collect and distribute donated goods.

**e-Donations for ACS Relief Assistance**

At the [ACS website](http://www.adventist.org) you can drag articles into the shopping cart, or choose from the written list, or just pick a random amount to donate.

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**Note:** *Reaching Out in Love describes the important evangelism aspect of NAD's strategic plan to REACH North America. The most effective way to REACH OUT is to do it with LOVE as was Jesus' example. His compassion for lost souls is now our mission. The challenge is our privilege.*

**In the Beginning: Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate**

*In the Beginning: Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate* begins tonight and continues through Sunday night.

Ways to connect: Hope Channel, Hope Church Channel, DirecTV, video streamed at [www.hopetv.org](http://www.hopetv.org).

God will bless this pre-NET event, so send your story of God’s leading and of the Holy Spirit’s working in your community. Stories will be printed for the encouragement of others. Send to [NETcoordinator@nad.adventist.org](mailto:NETcoordinator@nad.adventist.org). Pictures are always appreciated. Please provide captions to identify the subjects.

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**Training for Disaster Response Volunteers**

Volunteers are always needed who can help with disaster response, but prior training is necessary. Attend the North American Division Adventist Community Services Reach Out Training, June 11-12 at the [Pennsylvania Conference Camp Meeting](http://www.pennadventist.org). Tracks for training will include:

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**Union Magazines**

- Atlantic Union GLEANER
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Course descriptions. Call 610-374-8331 for further information
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Disaster Response Page (Ministry Tools, books, videos, links and
descriptions for assistance-related organization)

For Groups that Want to Make a Difference

Bulletin Inserts/Printable Lists for groups wanting to donate needed
supplies for tornado victims. Bulletin inserts with information about
collecting articles for Personal Care Kits and Personal Activity and
Learning Kits are downloadable for churches, youth groups, schools,
ministries and anyone who would like to help with the disaster relief.

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Pastor R. Vincent Dehm, II
Millsboro First Church, Millsboro, Del.

Stay Socially Connected with NAD
Church to hold seminar on creation vs. evolution

By PAM CASSADY, The Daily News

How did the world begin? It's a very basic question with highly debated answers. A seminar being broadcast at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bowling Green will address that question and provide answers.

"In the Beginning: Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate" will be shown from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. beginning Wednesday for five nights at the church at 1740 Cave Mill Road.

"Everyone is invited," said Terry Carmichael, pastor of the church. "And there is no charge."

The seminar will feature Timothy G. Standish, a respected research scientist in the field of genetics, and Ron E. M. Clouzet, a practical theologian and seminary professor.

The five evening sessions will cover topics that many find troubling as they read news articles and hear brief reports of recent research that raises questions in the creation vs. evolution debate.

Carmichael said the seminar will be shown at churches throughout the country.

During the first night, Standish and Clouzet will explore the topic, "The Way We Were: A Look at Deep Time." During the next four nights, they will discuss the life of creatures, genetics, radiometric dating, the age of the earth and the flood and fossils. The final presentation Sunday will pull together conclusions from the various areas of the debate to strengthen personal faith in an omnipotent God and His creative powers.

Carmichael said he hopes the seminars will help people have a clear understanding of the issues surrounding creation vs. evolution.

"And we hope they can draw some clear conclusions," Carmichael said.

— For more information, visit www.cavemillsda.org.
Adventist Disaster Response Warehouse accepts donations, offers help to those in need

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Pat Ammons, The Huntsville Times
By

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama - Tim and Shirley Fordham reached in the back of their SUV and pulled out piles of brand-new clothes Monday morning at the Adventist Disaster Response Warehouse on Hi Lo Circle in northwest Huntsville.

“We've got baby clothes, clothes for small children, baby blankets, sweat shirts and hoodies for teens,” Shirley Fordham said, ticking through some of the items they had bought. She had spent several days with her sister in Winchester, Tenn., where she hit the Walmart before heading home.

Their purchases came to $1,400, said Fordham, who was more than a little reluctant to share the amount when asked.

"We're not done," Fordham said. The couple planned to be out of town for a few days, "But when we get back, I'm going to do more, whatever is needed at that time."

The Fordhams were like many who showed up at the warehouse Monday wanting to give what they could to help those whose homes were demolished or were just in need.

The Madison County Commission supplied the warehouse, and members of the Adventist Disaster Response Team and volunteers from several Seventh Day Adventist churches were taking donations and assisting people who had come for help.

The team is part of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, or VOAD, said Vernon Giles, the disaster
relief coordinator at the warehouse.

"Most VOAD organizations have a specialty, whether it's feeding, cleaning up (disaster sites) or food," Giles said. "Our particular specialty is donation management. We're doing both intake and distribution here."

Since the warehouse opened at noon on Sunday, Giles had seen a steady stream of donations from individuals to churches whose members had made donations.

"We've got three cars full" of clothes, food, diapers, baby food and other items, said Demetria Tacon, a member of Farley Community Church. The church planned another collection from 9 a.m. to noon Friday.

"You never know exactly what's going to come, and where it's going to come from," Giles said. He anticipated getting some large donations from companies, as usually happens in big disaster situations.

Staples had already made a donation of paper and pencils to help the effort, said BJ White, a team member who was signing in people who needed help as well as filling out receipts for those making donations.

About 50 volunteers were at the warehouse Monday. Some were taking the bags of clothes, food, personal hygiene items, diapers, cleaning supplies and other things people were dropping off. Others were in the sorting area, which by 2 p.m. contained a mound of bags at least 100 deep.

Other volunteers manned tables that were set up by category, with piles of toothpaste neatly stacked next to deodorant and other personal hygiene items. Men's pants were stacked according to waist size.

"We feel like organization is the key," said White, who has trained for the six years to be part of the disaster team. "People who come in here have so many problems to deal with that whatever we can do to make it easier (for them) is what we try to do."

Some people had already begun showing up to ask for help, including neighbors Brenda Kuntz and Monty Humphries. Kuntz is an hourly employee at Sanmina-SCI, and Humphries works for Stanley Construction in Hazel Green. They made it to the warehouse with another neighbor in the only car with enough gas to get them there, Kuntz said.

"I haven't worked since this happened, and everything in my refrigerator is spoiled," Humphries said. "I have a whopping $4 in my pocket."

Giles anticipated the flow of donations and the need to continue for some time.

"We'll be here from 8 to 6 every day, seven days a week until the need is no longer here," he said.

Complete coverage from The Huntsville Times

» Read all the tornado news from across the state
» See a list of open businesses in Madison County
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Site Set Up for Donations

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HUNTSVILLE, AL - It's the mission of Seventh Day Adventist Community Services to assist in disaster relief to collect, sort, and distribute items.

A collection and distribution site is set up at 3223 Hi-Lo Circle Huntsville, right off Meridian Street and Wholesale Avenue, to help storm victims.

Volunteers were busy sorting through all sorts of donated items a disaster victim might need, such as water, food, clothing, furniture and other personal items.

Starting Monday afternoon, those who suffered damage from Wednesday's storms were invited to the distribution site to pick up any items they need. Those who received the help said they were incredibly grateful for the generosity.

Officials tell us this is the hub for donating and distributing goods, so if you need help or would like to donate items, feel free to stop by the distribution site anytime between 8am and 6pm, 7 days a week.

Volunteers say they'll be here as long as they need, in order to help as many people as possible.
Donate items to help flood victims

May 2, 2011

MANSFIELD -- Richland County
Organizations for Disaster Assistance in
collaboration with Adventist Community
Services is accepting donations at the Flood
Recovery Center in the old Value City
building, 1290 Lexington Ave.

Furniture, appliances, linens and household
items can be dropped off from 11 a.m. to
7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.
to 5 p.m. Fridays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sundays.

Furniture can be gently used but should be
clean and in good repair. Appliances need
to be in working condition. New bed and
bath linens should be in sets.

Items will be distributed to families
designated by caseworkers under the
direction of Richland CODA chaired by
Rebecca Owens of Catholic Charities.
Donations will go only to families affected
by flooding in February and March. Nothing
will be sold.
Volunteers tend to victims in storm-ravaged South, though some say they need more help

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRATT CITY, Ala. — Whether it’s refilling blood-pressure medicine or patrolling neighborhoods in a grocery-filled pickup truck, tornado victims in splintered Southern towns say volunteers are ensuring they’re well-fed and warm at night. At least a few, though, say they need more from the government: Help getting into their homes and cleaning up endless debris.

Across the twister-ravaged South, students, and church groups aggressively tended to those who needed it most, clearing away wreckage and handing out food and water. Wednesday’s tornadoes marked the second-deadliest day of twisters in U.S. history, leaving 341 people dead across seven states — including 249 in Alabama. Thousands were hurt, and hundreds of homes and businesses have vanished into rubble.

Federal Emergency Management Agency workers handed out information to people in shelters about how to apply for help. National Guard soldiers stood watch, searched for survivors, and helped sift through debris. Churches transformed into buzzing community hubs.

In Tuscaloosa, a Red Cross shelter was handing out clothes and providing counseling for folks like Carol Peck, 55, and her 77-year-old mother. She said the shelter’s First Aid station even refilled her blood pressure pills without her having to ask.

She can’t explain how it happened, but she suspects her clinic contacted the shelter.

“Evidently, because I sure didn’t call,” she said. “They knew I was here. I don’t know how, but they found me.”

In Ringgold, Ga., Poplar Springs Baptist Church had been transformed into an informal help center. Crews were dispatched from the church, some with chain saws to chop through the debris, others with bottled water and food. Inside the gymnasium, a barbecue buffet was feeding those without power.

“You’ve got elderly people out there who can’t get out there and do it,” said volunteer Kathleen Hensley, 40, of Ringgold. “They need a hand.”

The University of Alabama’s athletic department was pitching in around hard-hit Tuscaloosa, with more than 50 athletic training students giving Gatorade, bottled water, and protein bars to residents.

“Anything they have to give athletes, they’re giving away,” said Jenny Sanders, one of the volunteers.

And most were grateful to get whatever they could.
Niki Eberhart, whose home in the Alberta City neighborhood of Tuscaloosa was shredded by the tornado, said Saturday that her husband and two children are getting everything they need at the shelter. And it isn’t the first time they’ve counted on the Red Cross. When their home in Meridian, Miss., burned down last year in an electrical fire, Ms. Eberhart said the Red Cross responded within an hour.

“We feel like we’ve been blessed,” she said. “Both times it could have been much worse. We lost things. Material possessions can be replaced.”

Ms. Eberhart and her husband, Shane, also had already gotten help from FEMA workers at the shelter. And while they wait for a response from the feds, Ms. Eberhart dismissed relatives’ offers of sympathy.

“I told them we’re having great luck because it could have been so much worse,” she said. “If you don’t have any bad times, how are you going to appreciate the good times?’

As some tried to clear the rubble and sort through belongings, others took on the task of burying the dozens who died. Several funerals were being held in Rainsville in northeastern Alabama, including services for 70-year-old Hubert Whooten, his 70-year-old wife, Juanita, and her mother, Lethel Izell, 86.

“They were just normal, hardworking country folk,” family friend Kevin Black said outside the Rainsville Funeral Home. “If they seen you, they’re gonna call you by your name and (ask), ‘How’re you doing?’ That’s how it is around here.”

But planning funerals was a struggle for many as they dealt with destroyed homes.

“A few of the families I met, with they’ve lost everything,” said Jason Wyatt, manager of Tuscaloosa memorial Chapel. “It’s hard for me to hold my composure. They don’t have clothing or anything.”

Clarence Plump’s wife was among those who died when the tornadoes hit Tuscaloosa. The 36-year-old steel worker said his wife would go out of her way to help anyone and was a loving person. He was rummaging through his family’s possessions Saturday and found a few photos and little bicycles he put on a flatbed trailer hooked to his truck.

“Right now I’m just trying to straighten out my family and get back on track,” he said.

Many residents still couldn’t even get into the town of Cordova, Ala., where stern soldiers cordoned off the few roads that weren’t left impassable by fallen trees. The school, one of the few buildings to survive the twister, was buzzing on Saturday. Students stuffed baskets full of lunches at the cafeteria while their parents sorted supplies across the hall.

Landmarks in the town northwest of Birmingham, had been obliterated.

“I knew it was bad. But pictures don’t begin to describe it,” said 19-year-old college student Rachel Mitchell as she drove through town. “This is really hard. This is where I grew up and now nothing is here that I remember.”

Still, frustration reigned for some. Eugene Starks, 82, worked with a tow truck driver Saturday to salvage a blown-out car from what was left of his garage in Pratt City, a blue-collar suburb of Birmingham. He said he was grateful to have survived the storm — “I give God credit” — but he needed more help recovering belongings from his home.

“I’m trying to do what I can myself,” he said. “I hope the government steps in, but I’m not holding my breath.”
On the outskirts of Phil Campbell in northwestern Alabama, 44-year-old Nickey Hughes was left to protect the rubble of his mobile home in a family-size tent he was sharing with his three grandchildren. He hasn’t been able to find a shelter or a vacant hotel, so he’s staying in the tent to scare off would-be looters.

"I've got help. I've got food and water. But I have no place to go," Hughes said. "I'm living it a day at a time, and that is getting to me."

Gov. Robert Bentley had dispatched 2,000 National Guard troops around Alabama to help residents and keep the peace. Many blocked off roads or patrolled neighborhoods to keep away gawkers and looters. Others helped residents sift through their shattered homes.

Carletta Wooley, 27, was going through some of her belongings in Holt, a community just outside Tuscaloosa. A pile of her family's belongings stood at the foot of a tree — a mirror, some hats, a pillow, a stereo. One of the soldiers picked up a photograph and handed it to her — it was of her son, when he was a baby.

"I’m going to cry," she said. "Thank you."
There is a God!
by Kay Kuzma, Fit Forever, 2005, RHPA

O Lord, You have searched me and known me. . . . Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. . . . For You formed my inward parts. Psalms 139:1-13, NKJV.

Thirteen years ago my life was a mess. I did drugs, smoked, drank alcohol, was fat, skipped high school classes, had a horrible attitude, and was mean to my family. When I was a junior I dropped out and wasted a year of my life watching TV and partying.

I believed in the power of self. If I wanted something, I got it. So when I decided to go back to high school, I crammed and graduated with my class, even...More >>

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Thank you for visiting our site! We invite you to look around, read more about us, register for an event, keep up-to-date via our blogs, check out our ministries and submit a prayer request.

What's that picture above? This is a glimpse from Huntingdon Valley Christian School's recent mission trip to Arizona. Read the full story in our July Pen printed inside the Columbia Union Visitor.

Don't miss summer camp! Learn more at our website or download an application.

Join the Pennsylvania Conference 29er Club and support both Laurel Lake Camp and Blue Mountain Academy!

Donations can be mailed to Pennsylvania Conference, 720 Musem Rd, Reading PA 19607
Click here to see the latest totals for donations towards Laurel Lake Camp and the 29er Club.
Visit the Laurel Lake Camp website and learn more about the camp.
Blue Mountain Academy is off to a great school year. What makes it such a great school? Students and staff tell why.

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Did you miss the Simple Church Webinar? You can watch it online. Go to
www.SimpleChurchAtHome.com and click on the blue button in the top right corner.

Register today for the monthly Simple Church training, taught by pastors Mike McCabe and Lonnie Wibberding, beginning in July.
To learn more, attend the informational meeting, Sunday, July 12, 2:00-4:00 pm, at Blue Mountain Academy, Hamburg, Pa., during Camp Meeting.

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When Disaster Strike
by Monte Sahlin & Marilyn Thomsen

Basic Interviewing & Social Work Skills
by John Gavin & Monte Sahlin

Leadership & Management of Volunteer Programs
by James Fisher & Kathleen Cole

ABC's of Healthy Grieving
by Harold Smith & Steven Jeffers

A Ready Hope
Effective Disaster Ministry for Congregations
by Kathryn M Haukeisen & Carol H Flores

audio-video
Community Action
Leadership Kit
by Monte Sahlin

Disaster Preparedness for Dummies
by Universal Music & Video Distribution

High Impact Volunteer Ministry
by Al Newell

Volunteers for Ministry the High Impact Way
by Al Newell

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**links**

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
Red Cross disaster relief focuses on meeting people’s immediate emergency disaster-caused needs

[www.reactintl.org](http://www.reactintl.org)
Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams (REACT)

[www.voa.org](http://www.voa.org)
Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, spiritually based organization providing local human service programs and opportunities for individual and community involvement.

[www.pointsoflight.org](http://www.pointsoflight.org)
Points of Light Foundation engages more people more effectively in volunteer community service to help solve serious social problems

[www.nert-usa.org](http://www.nert-usa.org)
National Emergency Response Team (NERT) is committed to the establishment of independent and joint ventures to conceive, develop and implement disaster response services and educational programs that coordinate publicly available resources during a crisis situation.

[www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)
Church World Service is the relief, development, and refugee assistance ministry

[www.secondharvest.org](http://www.secondharvest.org)
America's Second Harvest - The Nation's Food Bank Network is the nation's largest charitable hunger-relief organization

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**resources**
National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD)
NVOAD coordinates planning efforts by many voluntary organizations responding to disaster. Member organizations provide more effective and less duplication in service by getting together before disasters strike.

National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)
The National Organization for Victim Assistance is a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization of victim and witness assistance programs and practitioners, criminal justice agencies and professionals, mental health professionals, researchers, former victims and survivors, and others committed to the recognition and implementation of victim rights and services.

Emergency Management Institute
Emergency Management Institute (EMI) serves as the national focal point for the development and delivery of emergency management training to enhance the capabilities of federal, state, local, and tribal government officials, volunteer organizations, and the public and private sectors to minimize the impact of disasters on the American public.

Community Emergency Response Teams
The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Citizen Corps
Citizen Corps helps drive local citizen participation by coordinating Citizen Corps programs, developing community action plans, assessing possible threats and identifying local resources.

State Emergency Management Training Agencies & Offices
State Emergency Management Offices are state partners of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Office for Domestic Preparedness
The Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) is a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP). SLGCP is the federal government's lead agency responsible for preparing the nation against terrorism by assisting states, local and tribal jurisdictions, and regional authorities as they prevent, deter, and respond to terrorist acts.

Department of Homeland Security
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**National Weather Service**

The National Weather Service (NWS) provides weather, hydrologic, and climate forecasts and warnings for the United States, its territories, adjacent waters and ocean areas, for the protection of life and property and the enhancement of the national economy...

**Directory of Disaster Response & Recovery Resources** (PDF file)

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You Can Help With Disaster Survivors!

Disaster Response

Our thoughts are with the families and communities that have been affected by the unprecedented tornadoes that have ripped through the southern U.S. region. Adventist Community Services has engaged several donation management operations and distribution of goods, partnering with FEMA and State Emergency Management Agencies in Huntsville, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, AL and Collegedale, TN.

As an effort to provide much needed supplies for the survivors, we are seeking your support to send either personal care kits and/or school supplies. Locations are listed in the PDF file below where you can send your kits and local conference ACS volunteers will distribute the items to the affected areas. Please visit www.communityservices.org for further information.

Sincerely,
Sung Kwon

Personal Care Kit Assembly (PowerPoint)

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Pc Kit May2011
Download Personal Activity & Learning Kit PDF

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Personal Care Kit Assembly

By Sherry Watts
Lay towel flat
Fold in half lengthwise
Fold in thirds, side to side
Should look like this
Lay washcloth, folded in half, on folded towel
Assemble toiletry items: Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap, Comb, Shampoo and Deodorant
Place toiletry items in small bag
Arrange in lower part of bag
Place at end of folded towel and washcloth
Begin to roll up like jelly roll
Make roll snug
Tuck in as you go
Keep sides even
Hold firmly
Get bag to place it in
Place in bag
Work it in so it is snug
Slide it down to end of bag
Place label in or on bag
Ready to seal it up
May use heat sealer or zipper type bag
Finished personal care kit
Disaster inflicts grim toll

Disaster season hasn’t officially started and already 100’s of people are feeling the devastating effects of April 2011’s disasters. Between April 4 & April 28 the National Weather Service has reported 27 states that have had tornadic incidents.

Please join ACS DR in helping the survivors suffering from disaster by building and sending Personal Care Kits:

We are inviting you to help by creating Personal Care Kits which will be distributed to the survivors throughout the disaster areas. Each KIT consists of basic, badly-needed items that can make a world of difference. Assembling standardized Kits ensures that each person receives the same number of items, and relieves volunteers of intensive process of sorting and allocating randomly donated items.

Assemble each Kit according to the directions found on the back side of this announcement.

Please DO NOT enclose additional items and be sure that all items are new and unused.
Each Personal Care Kit should contain:

- One towel and washcloth
- Travel tissues
- Small bar of soap
- Shampoo (& Conditioner)
- Deodorant—neutral scent
- Hand Sanitizer
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Lip Balm
- Sunscreen
- Hand lotion
- Hair Comb
- One sealable one gallon plastic bag

PACKING INSTRUCTIONS:

Pack only the listed supplies in the 1-gallon sized zipper seal plastic bag.

Use sturdy uniform sized boxes to ship.

Be sure that all boxes are securely taped.

Do not include any full names or addresses of individuals.

Please do not enclose religious or political materials.

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