May 23, 2011

Joplin, Missouri, Tornado Report (Update #1)

on Sunday afternoon, May 22

“Information is sketchy but we do know it is really bad down there,” reports Pastor Roy Weeden, Missouri director of Adventist Community Services-Disaster Response (ACS-DR). “The Adventist church down there was hit but we don’t know how bad yet. We have missing members.”

The Joplin church treasurer’s home has been destroyed. He and his wife were out of the house when the tornado struck. Their adult daughter, who is deaf, sensed the tornado was coming and took her daughter and went into the tub in the bathroom. The tornado destroyed the house around them.

ACS-DR volunteers are preparing their response, which will be reported Monday, along with information on the safety of church members and more specifics on damage to the church facility. Meanwhile, any further information will be posted overnight, as verified, on www.outlookmag.org.

Above report supplied by Mid-America Union on Sunday, May 22
Photo courtesy of Disaster News Network

NEEDED — Personal Care and Personal Activity and Learning Kits for Victims

As an effort to provide much needed supplies for the survivors, Adventist Community Services (ACS) is seeking your support.

Bulletin Insert and Description List — Many Personal Care Kits and/or Personal Activity and Learning Kits (school supplies) are needed for survivors of the tornado in Joplin. The bulletin inserts linked above let you know how to make the kits. Locations with mailing addresses for where to send them will be provided later. The local conference ACS volunteers will distribute the items to the affected area.

Please visit www.communityservices.org for further information.

More information about warehouse locations and bulk donation needs will be supplied as it becomes available.

About Adventist Community Services

In response to tornadoes, severe weather, floods and wild fires throughout the United States, Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACS DR) teams are assisting individ ual families, churches, and communities. 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.

Please continue to pray for those who have been affected by the numerous disasters affecting our nation. Visit the Adventist Community Services website, www.communityservices.org, for more information about how ACS ministries are making a difference in people’s lives or to make a donation.

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