

HERE TO SERVE

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"If anyone serves me, let him follow me; and where I am, there my servant will be also." -Jesus (John 12:26, NKJV)

Dear friends,

As you know, a devastating tornado tore through Joplin, Missouri on May 22nd, 2011. We praise God that our house and family were not affected, but we are tirelessly working to assist those who have lost loved ones and property. As year-round Operation Christmas Child Connect volunteers, we were the first ones contacted to assess if the Samaritan's Purse U.S. Disaster Relief teams could assist Joplin. We met the Disaster Relief directors from Samaritan's Purse at Forest Park in Joplin, which is the Operation Christmas Child Collection Center. Samaritan's Purse decided to set up headquarters at Forest Park, and the Tuscaloosa, Alabama team immediately went to work sending emergency materials and workers to Joplin. We have been partnering with Samaritan's Purse and helping victims since that first Monday. We have been praying with victims, filling out work orders, taking teams out into the devastation, processing thousands of volunteers, completing required paperwork, and ensuring that OSHA and FEMA guidelines are followed every day. Hundreds of new volunteers are arriving each day from all over the United States. Samaritan's Purse has sent out thousands of volunteers and helped hundreds of families here in the Joplin area.

After three weeks of 12 hour volunteer days, our funds are running low. As missionaries to North America and our community, we feel a huge responsibility and calling to partner with Samaritan's Purse until they leave Joplin. We thank you for your prayer and financial support during this time. We also ask you to join us as we pray for our supporters who lost everything in the tornado.

Thankful for you,

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