



Impacted Areas: Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, and Mississippi
Disaster Type: Severe storm damage and power outages
Response Status: Responding

Background Information

Late December 10th and into the early hours of December 11th, an estimated 50 tornadoes were reported across eight Midwest states, killing 88 people – at least 76 of them in Kentucky – and leaving tens of thousands without power, homes, or jobs to return to. On December 14th, Servants deployed an Early Response Assessment Team to visit the area and determine how Servants can best provide relief.

Report from Early Response Assessment

The destruction from these tornadoes was so random – leaving some homes standing while their neighboring home was completely gone. The team visited the rural town of Bremen, the cities of Mayfield and Bowling Green, and the small community of Dawson Springs. In most of these areas, the major debris had been cleared from the roadways and emergency vehicles were able to access homes. The team connected with local emergency managers and other relief organizations to establish plans for future relief trips.

TRIP DATES

Week 1 – January 2nd through 8th

Week 2 – January 9th through 15th

Week 3 – January 23rd through 29th

COST

The cost of the trip is **\$200** to help cover the costs of fuel and food. Payments can be mailed to **Servants, Inc.** at the address below. The cost includes all travel, lodging, and food Monday-Friday. Team members should bring cash for meals on travel days.

AGES

At Servants, we believe that God calls and uses people of any age to serve Him. However, due to the work details for this trip, we've set a minimum age restriction of at least 14 years old (with special consideration given for parents and children travelling together). There is no upper age limit (or excuses).

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Servants will procure all travel arrangements. Teams will leave on Sunday and return on Saturday. Specific travel details will be provided.

HOUSING/MEALS

Housing will be provided by Sacramento United Methodist Church. The facility contains rooms divided between men and women, showers, and restrooms. There is also a kitchen where we will prepare our meals.

Please make your team leader aware of any food allergies; however, due to the nature of disaster recovery we may not be able to meet all specific dietary requests.

FUNDRAISING

Servants is a 501c3 non-profit organization and will provide donation receipts for all trip related donations received.

WORK DETAIL

Expedient Home Repair – preventing further damage to homes and improving home security by providing temporary repairs to damaged roofs and window.

Residential Debris Removal – preparing homes for recovery by removing immediate hazards, making the property accessible and preventing further damage

PACKING LIST

- Sleeping bag / Blanket with twin sheet
- Air Mattress or Cot
- Pillow
- Personal hygiene items / Medications
- Long pants / Jeans / Rain gear
- Study work shoes
- Clothes for relaxing around base camp
- Sweatshirt / Jacket
- Bible / Journal
- Work gloves / Protective eyewear