Federal aid reaches 3 southern states

It is always rewarding to see help from any source for disaster survivors.

The federal government announced $800 million in aid to farmers in 3 southern states that were devastated by last year’s hurricanes.

Nearly half of the money will go to Florida where timber →

farmers suffered catastrophic losses when Hurricane Michael came ashore in October 2018 and destroyed 2.8 million acres of commercially grown trees.

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture said the funding also will help Alabama and Georgia cover hurricane losses. (AP)

CCDRE, with the cooperation of 3 churches, was privileged to furnish supplies with a value of $2,359,133.31 to Florida in 2018, in 2019 Florida survivors received supplies with a value of $1,180,415.12. ●

Be cautious when driving in flooded areas

The depth of water can be deceiving. Cars can be swept off the road by as little as 2 feet of moving water. Never drive in floodwater that is moving or more than 4 inches deep.

In fog or heavy snow, slow down, give the road your full attention and don’t use high beams which can reflect glare. ●

Flood damage

Water reaches the roof top
Another year of serving others after major disasters has come to a close. We shipped supplies from Nashville to where 9 tornadoes hit in Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Texas.

We helped areas flooded in Arkansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas which began when heavy snowfall started to melt up north, followed by heavy spring rains, and then in July, Hurricane Barry, even though it had lost a lot of its strength before it came inland as a tropical storm, it also brought a lot of rain.

A large portion of assistance in 2019 was due to the fact that we do not have a cutoff point for families that lost everything due to major disasters from previous years. Many of those families are at the mercy of the builders, not knowing how long it will take for their homes to be rebuilt so they can move back in.

When the families come to the local congregations where we have sent the initial shipment of supplies for help, the local church speaks with them to find out what they lost, but also to determine if they are low income and uninsured. If so, when their homes are repaired where they can move back in, we will help those uninsured families with some of the household items they lost. We do not provide everything they need, but we help with some of those items they may not be able to afford, like new appliances, new furniture, new mattress sets, and new hot water heaters (if needed). We purchase these items from major manufacturers when families are ready for them. The manufacturers have warehouses across the U.S, and deliver the items directly to the local building the church is using to receive these items. Then the church delivers the items to the families’ homes.

Forty-one of the 353 shipments in 2019 were trailer-loads of supplies from our Nashville warehouse, the rest were sending the appliances, furniture, mattress sets, hot water heaters, and truckloads of bottled water directly from the manufacturers. As a comparison, in 2017 we sent 310 total shipments to 16 states, but 69 of those were trailers full of basic supplies provided from our Nashville warehouse.

Thank you for your support and your prayers for this work. CCDRE could not continue if it were not for you!

CCDRE extends sincere thanks and commendation to the following churches who agreed to serve as Receiving and Distribution Centers in the last quarter of 2019:

- Hazel St. Church of Christ, Alteimer, Arkansas;
- Jefferson Church of Christ, Bagley, Iowa;
- Railroad Ave.Ch of Christ, Morgan City, Louisiana;
- Maplewood Ch of Christ, Sulphur, Louisiana;
- Bellevue Church of Christ, Bellevue, Nebraska;
- Nebraska City C of C
  - Nebraska City, Nebraska;
- Church of Christ, NorthRidge, Dayton, Ohio
- Lake Rd Church of Christ, Gore, Oklahoma;
- Scotts Hill Church of Christ, Decatur Couty, TN;
- Westgate Church of Christ, Orange, Texas;
- Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ, Palm Beach, Florida
If you would like a representative of Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc. to explain how your congregation can help after a major disaster, or if your congregation is in an area hit by a major disaster and you’re wanting to help your community, have your leadership contact the person responsible for your state. They look forward to talking to you more. Call them direct or call us toll free - 1.888.541.2848.

Map Showing Supplies Were Shipped to Disaster Survivors through December 2019

Brian Spicer is the contact to call for congregations in: CO, OK, LA, NM, & TX. (337) 263-3054

Dennis McClintock will speak to you in AR, IA, IL, KS, LA, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD, & WI. (417) 459-0808

Ken Lowry speaks to churches in the Southeastern states of AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, & TN. (919) 270-8770
Watch out for scammers!

They are coming from all directions! Scammers posing to be from Social Security, FBI, insurance companies, banks, relatives, and other dishonest people who use inexpensive internet technology to make thousands of robocalls to lure victims. A recent headline read, “Get use to robocalls because they work.”

In the first 9 months of 2019 the Federal Trade commission received over 130,000 reports of fraud totaling losses of over $30 million. In New York City alone consumers lost $5.8 million in Social Security scams.

Calls from overseas can be made to appear to be from a local area code. Scammers are smarter than many of us. It’s their profession, to cheat and steal from unsuspecting honest people, and particularly older people.

An upstate New York lady lost her retirement money of $340,000 and will have to keep working.

If you do not recognize the number calling you, don’t answer the phone. In some cases if you do recognize it, don’t answer it either.

Adapted from a report by WSJ Journalist Elliot Bentley

HE FLIES TO TENNESSEE SO HE CAN DRIVE A TRUCK TO CALIFORNIA!

ONE OF CCDRE’S BIG TRAILER TRUCKS!

It’s the height of volunteer voluntarism

By Dale Linge, CCDRE’s representative for the northwestern states

I met James Paine at the Tahoe Family Encampment in California in July of 2015. James, with the help of others, arrives at the camp a few days early to set up the large tents where the Bible Classes and preaching and singing takes place. James is a “get er done” kind of guy. By profession, James is a truck driver, and he told me, “If you ever need a truck driver and I’m available, call me.” I informed him that most of our drivers live close to our warehouse, and it’s a long way from Nashville to his home in California.

In 2017, after Hurricane Harvey hit, James called me and said, “I have some time off and want to volunteer to drive Disaster Relief Effort trucks.” I called the office in Nashville and they reminded me it’s a long way from California to Nashville. When I got back to James he had already booked his flight to Nashville on a midnight special, thanks to the generous help of his home congregation. The next morning he arrived in Nashville and spent the afternoon at the warehouse breaking down cardboard boxes and putting them in the recycle bin. The following day he drove his first of 6 loads of supplies to victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas.

When the deadliest fire in CA history, Camp Fire, destroyed much of Paradise, CA in 2018, James stepped up again and booked a flight to Nashville and drove a truck back to California. Thanks to James Paine and all our truck drivers and volunteers for serving. Without the volunteers this work could not be done.

“I would gladly sacrifice more buildings if that would save but one more soul.”

Reaction by the Catholic Bishop of Marseille, France at the devastating fire at the Notre Dame Cathedral in April.

“How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday you will have been all of these.”

- George Washington Carver
“For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so will we be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.”

- Paul encourages the Thessalonians

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“He who believes in me has everlasting life.”

- Jesus

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- Paul explains to the Romans
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“As for God, His way is perfect;
The word of the Lord is proven;
He is a shield to all who trust in Him.”

- David, King of Israel 1010-970 B.C.
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“I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- Paul assures the Romans of security in Jesus
God’s Gift of Water

Water! Too much of it causes disasters while too little of it causes disasters.

WSJ Journalist Jesse Newman reports “water stress which was once a hallmark of the American west is spreading east.”

Farmers in the southeast depend on water for their crops. Fishermen depend on water for food and jobs. Urban growth, climate change, waste and industrial demand means more water is required. Some cases have been taken to courts.

Some people in foreign lands must walk for miles to get water and then it is contaminated.

Water is one of our many God-given gifts which we often take for granted. God provides the gift of water, and it is up to man to be thankful for it, preserve it, and use it wisely.

“Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give shall become in him a well of waterspringing up into eternal life.”

Pray for World Leaders

Even though Nero, an evil man, was Roman Emperor when Paul wrote to the Romans, Paul still admonished the Romans by writing, “Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rules hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God’s servant to do you good….”

In view of the world appearing to be a tinderbox, we can not over-emphasize the necessity of praying for our all-seeing God to be totally in control, and guide every leader of every nation to govern according to God’s will.
Trucks rolling across the nation aiding disaster survivors

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EDITORIAL

BE YOUR OWN MAN

Colloquially speaking, “Kids don’t have to be like their parents.” It's a good excuse for wayward grown people who will not take responsibility for their sinful actions, but it is actually a “cop-out” which has its consequences.

King Ahaz was one of Judah’s worst kings. He “made molded images for the Baals,” burned his children in the fire, sacrificed on the high places, encouraged moral decline in Judah and had been continually unfaithful to the Lord. So God turned Judah (the South Kingdom) over to enemies who defeated them on every turn “because they had forsaken the Lord of their fathers.” Ahaz’s son, Hezekiah, now became king and was one of Judah’s best kings. “He did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his (fore) father David had done.” He chose to be his own man and not be like his father Ahaz. Hezekiah repaired the house of the Lord, admonished the priests and Levites to sanctify themselves, sanctify the house of the Lord and clean up the place. He reminded them of their fore fathers who had done so much evil and forsaken the Lord. He was described as doing “what was good and right and true before the Lord his God, and in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, and he did it with all his heart, so he prospered. Ahaz went as far down the road of destruction as he could, and in contrast, Hezekiah chose to go as far as he could on the road leading to eternal life with the Lord.

The example of Ahaz and Hezekiah is just as prevalent today as it was thousands of years ago. Parents ask themselves, “Where did we go wrong?” It is up to the grown child to make his decision about the direction in which he or she wants to go, particularly considering the final destination. May each of us use discretion, have a strong faith in Christ, pray for wisdom, walk hand in hand with Jesus and “be our own man.”

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