

Tornados in TN. OK. MO. and KS



Tennessee communities destroyed



Assessing the damage



Gateway CC youth volunteers



Ron checking the relief supplies



Tornados leave little undamaged

The spring and early summer of 2008 have kept us busy with tornado disaster relief. In early spring several middle TN. communities were hit hard with night time tornados. Our Southern Disaster Relief coordinator Ron Allen immediately began to do assessments in the area to determine the best course of action. After contacting churches in the area to confirm the needs and the cooperation of the area churches, WCN provide matching funds to the Clarkesville TN. Gateway Christian Church. Ron and his Gateway volunteer team purchased food, cooking utensils, flashlights and other supplies and delivered them to the Assemblies of God Church in Lafayette TN. The coordination of WCN and the area churches allowed us to deliver the supplies that were needed the most needed. The churches were responsible to make certain the people in need received our gifts. We say thanks to Ron and Gateway Christina Church for helping the victims of the tornado.

MO. KS. AND OK. ARE HIT HARD



Photos taken by WCN during the assessment. Pastor in the above photo was the relief coordinator

These are photos of a tornado that hit three states. It is believed OK, KS. and MO. communities suffered damage from the same tornado. Joe Wilkey flew to Tulsa OK and rented a car to assess the damage. WCN partnered with Rural Compassion (RC) by buying rakes, shovels, and wheel barrows. Volunteers from high schools cleaned up the debris. Rural Compassion sent crews with chain saws to clear downed trees. WCN equipment was used to help in the cleanup efforts. Our equipment will be stored and maintained by Rural Compassion for use when other disasters strike the area. Through a mutual agreement between WCN and RC the equipment will also be available to WCN when needed. RC will assist WCN in disaster relief efforts in the Midwest as needed and where possible.