

# Nappanee Indiana Tornado



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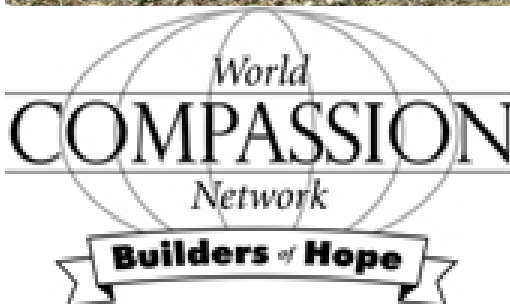
**Our team prays with home own owner**

On October 18th 2007 at 10:25 pm the lives of hundreds of people where changed for the foreseeable future in just a few minutes in Nappanee Indiana. A category 3 tornado struck this small northern Indiana town. Many residents were inside their home preparing for bed when the tornado touched down on the southwest side of town and cut a path of destruction for more than a mile moving northeast across then city. The miracle is that no one was killed and only a few were injured.

Early next morning the WCN truck was loaded with bottled water, non-perishable food, and flood buckets for delivery to the Nappanee Missionary Church on the North side of Town. It was very difficult to get to the distribution sight because of downed trees and power lines. There were dozens of police road blocks but because of our cargo we were given permission to pass. The Nappanee Missionary Church was designated as the Red Cross processing center. After meetings with the coordinator, we were given a designated area to help remove debris. We returned with our disaster relief trailer and volunteers from our Builders of Hope team and worked for two days in our assigned area.

Currently our Builders of Hope construction manager Chris Elmerick is the committee chairman for reconstruction of uninjured our under funded homes. We will keep you updated on the progress.

We just found out that the federal government turned down the application for federal disaster funding. Please pray for funding for the victims. It always seems like those most needing the help are denied the funding.



We are continuing to develop our disaster restoration ministry through Builders of Hope. BOH was formed to respond to the needs of disaster victims after the initial relief efforts. Many victims of disasters need help in rebuilding their homes and businesses. BOH recruits volunteers to help rebuild after disasters. We currently have ongoing projects along the Gulf Coast for Katrina victims and in Nappanee In. after the October tornado. Additionally BOH is helping Habitat for Humanity in South Bend In. If you are interested in volunteering or helping to fund this ministry please contact us through our web site, by phone at 574-269-5452 or call Mike Schaffer Director of BOH at 574-295-6836.