MAJOR DISASTER DECLARED IN TX

In the first week of March, President Biden declared and vowed during a visit to Texas that the federal government would help it to recover and rebuild over the long haul. The declaration allowed federal help to 126 counties battered by a once-in-a-generation polar vortex that knocked out almost 185 power plants and left 4 million people without power for days.

The winter freeze meant broken water pipes and contaminated drinking water for many people for several days or weeks. CCDRE delivered shipments of bottled water to Inez, Kentucky, Durant & Jackson, Mississippi, and Tyler Texas.

MANY TORNADOES HIT ALABAMA & GEORGIA

CCDRE provided supplies to the Betta View church in Oxford, AL to help in Ohatchee. In Georgia the Church St church in Blakely helped in Damascus, and the Riverchase church in Hoover helped south of Birmingham.

CCDRE HELP DOESN’T STOP WHEN THE STORMS STOP

Help was also provided after building was completed in areas hit by previous hurricanes and flooding. Trucks loaded with new appliances, new furniture, and new mattress sets helped low-income and uninsured families in Pensacola, Florida, Lake Charles, New Orleans, & Sulphur, Louisiana, and in St. Joseph, Missouri.

CONTAMINATED WATER LEAVES MANY WITHOUT POTABLE WATER

Thanks to the cooperation of the Westgate Church in Beaumont; the Thomas Johnson Rd Church in Hemphill; the Fifth Ward Church, Highland Heights Church, the Kashmere Gardens Church in Houston, and the Jersey Village Church in Jersey Village, CCDRE has delivered supplies with a value of $371,044.70 in January and February of 2021.

Too much water but none to drink!

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mike Lewis

To reference a trip to the Apostle Paul, we pray that the infectious Disease Specialists are on the road to “De-mask-us”! I know we are all wondering what the new “normal” will be.

Each spring brings different challenges, no two January through March string of disaster events are the same. Those more learned in the science of weather patterns try to forecast what each season will be like regarding severe storms, rain, and especially hurricanes. I wonder how they can forecast 3-7 months in the future when they miss the mark for what will take place tomorrow, and aren’t we glad that they are wrong with predictions. It continues to show us Who is really in charge!
How do you budget for the unknown? We do not know when the next disasters will take place, so we cannot budget for them for a 12 month period. We don’t wait for the disaster to happen be-fore we go into action. Our goal is to maintain between 20 and 30 shipments of all the supplies we send to a disaster area. We maintain an inventory of everything in our 87,000+ sq. ft warehouse, just like any large that maintains a large warehouse of items. We know we have, and what we need to buy more of.

We receive calls from many concerned about a disaster they have heard about on the news, and wanting to help that community. Maybe they have family there, or used to live there themselves, and they want to help that particular area. They want to know what we are doing in that area of concern for them, and want to send money to help that area. That financial support is what keeps us ready, but many do not realize for us to help within 24 to 48 hours after an area has been hit, we have been continually preparing for months in advance. We cannot wait until we hear about a disaster before we start getting prepared to help; that would be too late. If a phone call is about a disaster someone heard about that happened days or weeks ago, and if the local Church were ready to help their community, we were ready, waiting for the phone call, and the supplies they needed have already been delivered and are being

given to those families affected by the disaster now, not weeks after we receive the monetary support. We don’t wait for money to come in for a particular area or particular disaster before we go into action.

BEFORE COVID-19

When someone calls wanting to send money for a specific area, I usually ask them, “If their community were devastated today, and they needed help in their community, would they want us to send help immediately, or have to wait for money to come in to help their community?” So with faithful contributors and volunteers we do our best to stay prepared for the next series of disasters.

Thank you for your financial support and prayers for this work, and serving disaster survivors living in these areas that have received the damage, lost their homes, and lost loved ones. We hope this work can help get them back on their feet to provide them with some of their basic needs, and help them to realize that God loves them.

Mike Lewis
Executive Director

SAFETY FEATURES

FLUNK THE TESTS

New safety features being rolled out by auto makers to keep drivers from hitting pedestrians don’t work at times in some of the most dangerous situations and frequently fail at night, according to a new study by AAA.
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

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Map Showing Supply Shipment Locations YTD for Disasters in 2021 through March
Charles Parker, Ministering Evangelist for the Center Point church, Center Point, AL writes to CCDRE

“On Monday, January 25, the Center Point/Fultondale area of Birmingham, AL was tragically hit by an EF-3 tornado. We were immediately contacted by the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort representative Ken Lowry. The tornado victims were blessed with food, water, clothing, cleaning supplies, furniture and appliances. Because of the Disaster Relief Efforts, we have also been able to pursue our evangelistic efforts in the area. We are having weekly Bible classes and prayer sessions with the tornado victims. We even have been blessed to have classes with a woman who has been on earth for more than a century. She is 102 years old. It is a joy to bring Jesus and a ray of hope to the community. Through the disaster and evangelistic efforts, the Lord has added 6 souls to His Church. Praise God!

Right before the pandemic, our lease was not renewed for the facility that we were renting for a place to worship. Therefore, we decided not to meet face-to-face but continue to stream our worship services on Facebook and You Tube. However, we now feel that we need to presume face-to-face worship so that we can continue to teach the individuals who have obeyed the gospel of Christ. As we continue to visit with the tornado victims, I predict that we will have even more baptisms. Although we do not have a permanent place of worship, we will always continue to be about our Father’s business. The city of Center Point has agreed to allow us to worship in the community center until we find a permanent place of worship.

We are forever grateful for all our brothers and sisters in Christ from all over who have come to the area to assist us: David and →

Jaime Greene, Rebecca Averitte & family, Code Michael (Project Unified), and Tom & Helen Underwood. The city of Center Point and it’s mayor, Bobby Scott, who is also a member of the Lord’s Church, has been incredibly supportive of the Center Point Church of Christ and the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort. Last, but not least, we thank the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort!!! This is an amazing disaster relief and evangelistic ministry. The victims are amazed that an organization will go to such great heights to make sure they are taken care of. THIS IS TRUE MINISTRY! THIS IS THE TRUE LOVE OF GOD!! We are forever grateful! God bless you! In Christ, Charles Parker, Ministering evangelist.”

With the cooperation of the Center Point Church and the Decatur Hwy Church in Gardendale, AL, CCDRE was allowed to deliver supplies with a value of $217,736.60 for the disaster survivors.

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

They are smart! According to the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center, the total losses reported to it by scam victims increased to $3.5 in 2019 from $1.4 billion in 2017. They are still at it and robo-calls are increasing also. If you don’t recognize the number, don’t answer the phone. •

CHALLENGES TO SUSTAIN GOOD HEALTH

Michael Easter, a good health advocate and contributor to AARP Bulletin, suggests challenges to those who may find themselves in a boring and unhealthy comfort zone due to Covid restrictions.

WATCHING YOUR DIET will reduce risk of chronic disease. Most of us know what our diet should be, but we just don’t do it.

TURN OFF THE TV and sit quietly for 2 minutes. One study showed the silence led to big drops in blood pressure. Noise causes our brain to release stress hormones.

LOWER YOUR THERM-OSTAT contributes to weight loss. Researchers found that cool temps can elevate our metabolism anywhere from a few percent to 30 percent.

WALK FARTHER AND MORE may contribute to a longer life. Take the stairs and park away from the store.

BREAKING YOUR ROUTINE may lower dementia risk. The human brain evolved to embrace daily routine because it is safe and predictable, but doing and learning new things forces us to focus, effectively slowing down time. Lifelong learning may even fight Alzheimer’s and dementia. Practice doing or learning something new every day. •

“Without the assistance of the Divine Being, I can not succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail.”

- Abraham Lincoln
God’s Garden

God looked around His garden, and found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest. God’s garden must be beautiful. He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering; He knew you were in pain. He knew that you would never get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb, so He closed your weary eyelids and whispered, “Peace by thine.” It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn’t go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called.
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- Jesus assures faithful believers. (John 6:47)
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“There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved”

- Peter explains to Jesus’ opponents the only name by which man can spend eternity with the Lord.

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“And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith, but the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.”

- Paul encourages the Thessalonians in II Thes. 3:3
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(Acts 1:10-11) NKJV

Two angels explain to the astonished witnesses of Christ’s ascension into heaven and His inviolable return.

**Editorial**

**IT DOESN’T PAY TO BE GREEDY**

**Naaman** was an influential, honorable, wealthy Commander of the Syrian army, and **God** had allowed him to lead the victory in a battle with Israel, but **Naaman** had leprosy, an endemic infectious disease.

Thanks to a young Israeli captive girl, and “the **God** man” **Elisha**, **Naaman**’s leprosy was cured. To show his gratitude he wanted to give **Elisha** a gift, so **Naaman** gathered up at least 150 pounds of silver, and 2 changes of garments and insisted that **Elisha** take this exorbitant gift, but **Elisha** would not take it, and **Naaman** was soon on his way home.

**Elisha’s** servant, **Gehazi**, was aware of this conversation between **Naaman** and **Elisha**, and **Gehazi**’s inborn instinct of greed kicked in. **Naaman** had not gotten far away when he saw **Gehazi** running after him. **Naaman** got down from his chariot and asked if all were well. Then **Gehazi** started on his fabricated lie about **Elisha** sending him because some unfortunate men had come to him needing help. **Naaman** fell for **Gehazi’**s lie and insisted he take the silver and the garments.

**Gehazi** wasn’t very smart. **Elisha** knew everything which had been going on, and when he questioned **Gehazi** about where he had been, old stupid **Gehazi** lied again. One lie usually leads to another. **Elisha** told **Gehazi**, “Therefore the leprosy of **Naaman** shall cling to you and your descendants forever.” **Gehazi** went out from his (**Elisha’s**) presence leprous, as white as snow. In our day, we might say he looked like a snow man.

It doesn’t pay to be greedy or lie. ●