

COLLECTION FOR SURVIVORS OF JOPLIN, MO

DEAR MEMBERS OF PRAISE:

Interested in helping those devastated by the tornados in Joplin, Missouri? Well, here is your opportunity to help. There are immediate and long term needs that we, members of Praise, can help provide. There are two ways to help – you can purchase an item from the list on pg. 19 (SCRIP are available today). If you purchase a SCRIP gift card, there is also a greeting card with it that you can write a word of encouragement to one of the families, and place the SCRIP gift card in it. Or you can provide a “shoebox” filled with items for a child (gift suggestions listed on pg. 20).

Members of Praise have been in touch with Principal Jeremy Schamber of Martin Luther School in Joplin. The school sustained significant damage to the structure, but is able to be used as a hub for the community. We will stay in touch with Mr. Schamber to encourage him, as well as keep him up-to-date on our progress in Fort Wayne.

On Saturday, June 11th during the YMCA soccer games, STAR 88.3 will be at Praise doing a remote broadcast to promote Praise as a drop-off site for the Fort Wayne area. In addition, a semi-trailer has been donated by Shambaugh & Son to sit in our parking lot until the trailer is filled, and ready for delivery. Drop-off hours on Saturday will be 8 AM to 4 PM.

“Drop-off boxes” are also located in the narthex, and can be dropped off Monday - Friday at Praise between the hours of 10 AM – 4 PM.

If you have questions, please direct them to Todd or Chris Klopfenstein (Home #637-6307) or the Church Office #490-7729.

Thank you for caring!

Please note SCRIP Gift Cards are available today in the narthex.

\$25 Gift Cards are on hand from Lowe's, Wal-Mart & Sears.

- Gift cards from Lowe's, Wal-Mart, Target, Sears, JC Pennys, Pre-paid Visa Cards.
(NOT HOME DEPOT – IT WAS DESTROYED IN THE TORNADO)
- Monetary Gifts to purchase much needed ice machines.
- Pull-Ups **(NO DIAPERS)**
- Gatorade, power aide, crystal light **(NO BOTTLED WATER)**
- Sun Screen
- Canopy /Pop-up Cover (it is hot in Joplin and the trees were destroyed, the workers have no shade to go under to cool off).
- Letters/cards of encouragement to families – used as food, water & other items are distributed to the community.
- Kleenex Toilet Paper
- Shampoo/Conditioner (Adult/Children/Babies)
- Deodorant
- Tylenol (Adult/Children)
- Advil (Adult/Children)
- Sinus Medicine/Allergy Medicine
- Cold Medicine
- Aleve
- Feminine Hygiene Items
- Laundry Soap
- Bars of Soap
- Towels/Washcloths
- Cleaning Supplies/Buckets
- Work Gloves
- Tools
- Inexpensive coolers
- Lawn Chairs

****Please note that clothing is not needed at this time, nor are stuffed animals, diapers & bottled water.**

Shoe Box Collection for Children in Joplin, Missouri

- 1. SHOE BOX:** Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- 2. BOY OR GIRL?** Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Mark the correct age category on the label below, cut out and tape the label to the top of your box.
- 3. FILL WITH GIFTS:** Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided on the bottom of this page. Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and drop off at Praise in drop boxes provided in the narthex.

GIFT IDEAS

TOYS: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture book, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER: Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE: In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child.

****DO NOT INCLUDE:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; do not include breakable items or aerosol cans.

_____	2-4 Years Old	Boys
_____	5-9 Years Old	Boys
_____	10-14 Years Old	Boys
_____	2-4 Years Old	Girls
_____	5-9 Years Old	Girls
_____	10-14 Years Old	Girls