

Update #2 September 8, 2017

IDW response to Houston Relief

Greetings,

Many thanks to those who have responded to the disaster in Texas. There are many ways to respond to the needs.

Following is an update on the response from Iowa District West as of Friday, September 8:
Many of you know from last week's update that I have been working with Gregg Pinick from Lutheran School Academy in Houston. Their greatest need is sheet rock. They will need 5,000 sheets of 5/8" to complete the rebuilding on the five buildings on their campus.

We were not able to get the sheet rock from National Gypsum as we thought in last week's update so plan B was to go to Menard's and get rolling. On a conference call between Menard's and Dennis, from Ramthun Trucking we worked out numerous details on how this will all work. Dennis located a flatbed trailer from Jay and Heath Holtapp, Holtapp Trucking in Pomeroy so that trailer will take a full load of sheet rock and the dry van trailer will haul the 250 boxes of sheet rock mud, supplies and additional sheet rock to fill that truck. Menard's is ordering the sheet rock and supplies and we will get it on its way to Houston as soon as we can make it all work.

If you wish to donate to the sheet rock project make a check to Iowa District West-Sheetrock.

You may also make a donation that will go directly to the Texas District. If you wish to make your donation to their district, please make your check to: Iowa District West--Disaster Relief

Another way you can help will be to collect items for Orphan Grain Train. A LERT trailer will be parked at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge for the collection. That trailer or trailers will then be taken to Norfolk, NE and will be transported to Texas by Orphan Grain Train. Following is their list of needs as stated on their website, www.ogt.org

For now we are collecting hygiene kits, new underwear and socks, tennis shoes, diapers, formula, non-perishable food, cleaning supplies to include large sponges, large heavy trash bags, brooms, mops, 5 gallon bucket, dust masks, safety glasses, work gloves, cleaning gloves (kitchen latex), tarps, pry bars (for removing sheet rock), square shovels, wheelbarrows, pressure washers (gas), and gas powered generators.

A cleaning bucket can be prepared which would include a 5 gallon bucket, 1 large sponge, 1 roll paper towels, 2 gallons of liquid cleaner (Mr. Clean, Pine-sol, Lysol), 1 powder cleanser (Comet, Ajax), 1 kitchen latex gloves, 1 broom, and 1 mop.

Questions about the Orphan Grain Train collection can be directed to the office at St Paul Lutheran Church. [515-955-7285](tel:515-955-7285)

I am also working on getting teams to go to work at St John's Lutheran Church in Beaumont, TX. If you are interested please contact me.

Also, starting a list of families that we can help personally. As some of you remember from past disasters, I will share the names and needs of individual families and then ask churches or individuals to contact a specific family and work directly with them and their needs. Let me know if you are interested in that.

Thank You and God's Blessings, Ellie Menz [515-370-1159](tel:515-370-1159)