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Parents,

I've been working diligently on our trip plans for Joplin and I'm excited to tell you that everything is coming together really well! Here's the information that you need to know:

**Remaining Fundraising:**

We do have one more group fundraiser on **July 9**. We'll be doing another car wash – this time @ the south Dan's – starting @ 10:00 am. Hopefully we've learned some lessons from the first car wash and we'll have it down to a science this time. We can use all the help we can get (we'd even let *parents* help!) and kids should bring a sponge and a bucket with them!

**Lead-Up Meetings:**

**We will be meeting on Sunday night, July 10 and Sunday night, July 17 @ 7:00 pm @ Impact** for worship, prayer and discussions specifically for the IMPACT Joplin group. Please make sure your kids make these meetings a priority. It is important that kids are spiritually and emotionally prepared for a trip into a disaster area like this.

**Ministry in Joplin:**

I have been in contact with my aunt and uncle in Joplin and they are very excited to have us! Currently they are running a type of supply center out of their church and helping people with the needs they have right now. We will be helping with those needs, as well as connecting with other groups that are working on the clean-up of the city. FEMA has set a deadline of August 7 for the debris to be cleaned up around the city, so when we arrive this will probably be a lot of the focus. Our goal will be the same as it always is: we are there to serve and to REFLECT HIM in everything we do. With the circumstances as they are, we will not know exact details of our involvement until we arrive, but I can promise you that there will be no shortage of work and that there is no city in America with a greater need right now!

**Travel:**

**PRAISE GOD!** We have transportation from Bismarck to Minneapolis! For some reason, this was the hardest part of our arrangements, but God came through and we are going to be using Ron & June Ness' Expedition for our drive to Minneapolis and back.

Our flight schedule from Minneapolis to Kansas City has forced us to make a couple of minor changes to our schedule. We will be driving from Bismarck to Minneapolis on **Thursday, July 21** – meeting @ the church office and leaving @ 3:00 pm. Our flight leaves Minneapolis @ 1:00 pm – which is why we felt it was best to arrive the night before – and is scheduled to arrive in Kansas City @ 2:30 pm.

From there we will be driving a rented 12 passenger van from Kansas City to Joplin and using it throughout our time there. We will minister in Joplin from Saturday-Thursday for a total of 5 ½ days and return to Kansas City after lunch on Thursday, July 28. We'll be able to spend the day there shopping and sight-seeing and on Friday, July 29 we'll have a fun day @ Worlds/Oceans of Fun (a big amusement park in KC) and fly out of Kansas City @ 7:30 pm. We will arrive in Minneapolis @ approximately 9:00 pm and stay the night before driving home on the morning of Saturday, July 30.

**Luggage:**

We will need to keep our luggage to a minimum for this trip, as checking bags adds to our cost. Each person will be allowed to bring one carry-on size bag and a backpack with books and other personal items in it. Delta requires that carry-on baggage may not exceed 45 linear inches in combined length, width, and height. Baggage must fit easily in the Carry-on Baggage Check, which is located near the check-in counters and at the gate and is approximately 22" x 14" x 9". If you have any questions on this feel free to contact me.

We will have access to laundry while we are in Joplin, so kids do not have to pack different clothes for each day.

**Appropriate Dress:**

Keep in mind that we are going to be working for the bulk of this trip and you're going to need to pack accordingly. Be sure to bring sturdy shoes (you're not going to want to work in flip-flops) and clothes that you can work in. Kids will need at least one pair of jeans. Also bring a pair of sturdy work gloves.

Also keep in mind that we are representing the church while we are on this trip and we want to REFLECT HIM in everything we're doing. We're asking kids to dress modestly at all times. Please help your kids use common sense with this. Tank tops are ok (in most cases) but a bikini top is not appropriate for the environment we'll be in.

Kids will want to bring some more relaxed clothes and swimsuits for Worlds/Oceans of Fun, but mostly they're going to want to bring clothes to work in.

**Lodging:**

Once we arrive in Minneapolis on Thursday, July 21, we'll check into the Microtel Inn & Suites. On Friday, July 22, we'll fly to Kansas City and then drive on to Joplin. In Joplin we will be staying in either the church or the parsonage. The church does have pillows, bedding, cots and mattresses that have been donated by a local college, so we do not need to worry about making any arrangements for that. They did ask that we each bring our own towel with us, as they have a limited supply.

On the trip back, we will be staying one night – July 28 – in Kansas City @ the Days Inn near Worlds of Fun. Our flight lands us in Minneapolis @ 9:00 pm, which means we'll need to stay one more night at the Best Western in Eden Prairie before returning home on Saturday.

**Contact Information:**

Below is a list of contact information while we are on our trip. Keep in mind that cell coverage in Joplin is still a little spotty, so we might not always be in range of a tower while we are there. Jess and I will try to have our cell phones with us and available as much as possible. You can also contact your kids via their own phones, if you choose to send them with them, but there might be some times that we are not available to talk for long periods of time. We ask that you contact kids later in the evening for "check-in" calls. Feel free to contact us anytime in an urgent situation.

Barry Saylor's Cell	(701) 471-7582	Jessica Saylor's Cell	(701) 214-0679
Microtel Inn & Suites Minneapolis, July 21 <i>Ask for Barry Saylor's room</i>	(952) 854-6600	Joplin Church of God July 22-28 <i>Ask for Barry Saylor</i>	(417) 623-6116
Days Inn Kansas City, July 28 <i>Ask for Barry Saylor's room</i>	(816) 453-3355	Best Western Eden Prairie Minneapolis, July 29 <i>Ask for Barry Saylor's room</i>	(952) 829-0888

**Health Concerns:**

We were able to obtain the following information from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services:

Clean-up and repair activities during and after a disaster present a greater risk of injuries that can lead to serious infection. One of the most serious infections is tetanus, also known as "Lock Jaw," which can be deadly. Tetanus infection is preventable by vaccination.

- You should get a booster dose of tetanus-diphtheria (Td) vaccine if you have not had a dose within the past 10 years.
- You should also get a Td booster if you are unsure of the last time you received a Td shot.
- Anyone who receives a deep cut or puncture wound during reentry and clean-up activities should seek immediate medical attention and ask about a Td booster.
- Children and youth 11-18 years should receive the new pertussis-containing Tdap vaccine, rather than Td, if available.

For more information on immunizations, contact your health care provider or your local public health agency. You can also contact the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance at 573-526-0238 or by email at [info@health.mo.gov](mailto:info@health.mo.gov)

They are providing masks to wear on clean-up sites to prevent from inhaling any harmful materials. It is important that kids wear pants and gloves while working on these sites to avoid scrapes by possibly contaminated wood as much as possible.

**It is also required that each kid should bring a copy of their insurance card with them in case we need it.** Again, if you have any questions or concerns about this, feel free to contact me.

**Activities:**

We will be working most of the time we're on this trip, but we'll also be mixing in a couple of fun activities on our trip back from Joplin. We're doing this for fun, but Pastor Sam also advised the importance of this. Working in disaster areas is emotionally draining, so this type of activity is important to help combat compassion fatigue.

Kansas City offers a wide variety of things and we'll be spending the afternoon of Thursday, July 28 at the legendary shopping, dining and entertainment district, the Country Club Plaza. This outdoor plaza offers over 170 stores as well as some great food! Keep in mind that if you want to shop you'll need to bring your own spending money for that; however we've budgeted into your fundraising for a nice meal while we're there!

On Friday we'll be spending the day at Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun. These two giant amusement parks mix in roller coasters and other daredevil rides along with waterslides and giant wave pools. Admission to the parks and the Beach BBQ for lunch are figured into your fundraising as well!

Wow, that's a lot of information! I wanted to be sure to cover everything, but if there is anything missing or that might be confusing to you please don't hesitate to call. The reservations are all made, the fundraising is almost done and we are excited to see how God is going to use us. Please pray with us for the kids, those we will be helping and the people we will be working with. We want to serve a community in need and REFLECT HIM throughout our time in Joplin!

Eager to Serve,

Pastor Barry

**Reflect Him** Matthew 28:19