

## Moore OK Tornado

Part of our ministry at BBFTC is involvement with disaster relief providing generators for those without power, as well as distributing materials and funds for physical, emotional and spiritual needs. During our involvement with relief operations in Moore, OK we heard heart-wrenching tales of loss and heart-warming testimonials of compassion. We saw people in their most desperate hour of need and, thanks to you, we were able to meet some of those needs. In attempting to restore and re-establish some type of normalcy in people's lives from the devastating EF5 tornado, it was at times frustrating and rewarding. The people being assisted were very appreciative of how we have been able to serve. With a generator they could have a refrigerator to keep food from ruining, light at night to hopefully prevent accidents, power to charge a cell phone for communication, and a television or radio to be aware of their surroundings. This provides some physical, as well as emotional stability in very trying circumstances.



Classroom at Plaza Towers Elementary School

Our first concern is always medical needs. We placed generators in homes with residents in wheelchairs, others using oxygen equipment and those with limited mobility. Other situations include elderly couples, large families and families with small children.

We operated from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College and the campus was transformed into a huge distribution center for those in need. And the need is great! Over 13,000 homes were destroyed or damaged! God bless you all for your help!



Moore Tornado Destruction

## Mexico Ministry

Thanks for your prayers while we were in Mexico! Kris Brown tells about our trip...*"Our June trip to Mexico turned out to be quite the adventure. To begin with, I would like to say that Pastor Joe Torres, Sister Irma's soup kitchen, Casa Bethesda orphanage, and Casa Hogar Getsemani orphanage were very appreciative and blessed to receive the finances and items that the churches and individuals provided for this trip. Piedras Negras and Morelos received a torrential 17 inch rain over the weekend, which caused flash floods and devastation throughout the area. Friday morning we had a difficult time getting to Sister Irma's soup kitchen due to the flooding. The third route was the charm but had to wade knee deep water to get the supplies to the kitchen. Sister Irma cooked lunch that morning standing in water. Unfortunately, after more rain the next night, many homes at the tracks including the soup kitchen and Pastor Joe's church were flooded even worse. A similar situation occurred in Morelos at John and Paulina Bivens' orphanage. Friday morning they awoke to water flooding through one of the homes and due to more rain that night the orphanage flooded again. Two buildings were flooded this time including the one that we were staying in. We woke up at 3:30 a.m. to find several inches of water running through the building. To make matters worse there was an elderly man who was staying in the same building, and was suffering from a serious kidney illness. He fell in the floor sometime during the night and was lying in the cold water when we found him. Without going into too much detail we were in a crisis situation that went beyond the flood and now involved a serious medical condition. With a lot of complications we were finally able to get him to a hospital where he is awaiting a blood transfusion. Be in prayer for the people in Piedras Negras and Morelos. On top of the everyday struggles that they deal with the flash floods will take some time to overcome."*

God provided a miracle a few weeks after we returned and BBFTC was able to send a semi trailer with 26 pallets of relief supplies that included baby and adult diapers, bleach, cleaning rags, feminine hygiene items, personal hygiene items, over-the-counter medication and even a pallet of teddy bears!

## Prison Ministry

*"I just want to thank you for your willingness to supply our men with Bibles. Since the state does not pay for religious materials, it often falls on the Chaplain's office to assist offenders in getting quality Bibles. I cannot tell you how many times I have had men requests, only to tell them that we are currently out. Your ministry has met a huge need for us and I am thankful to God for all that you do. Blessings to You."*

**-James Remer, Chaplain II,  
Jess Dunn Correctional Center, Taft, OK.**

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## Thank You BBFTC Supporters!!

Most of the time we are busy trying to provide spiritual needs of Oklahoma prison offenders with Bibles. However, recently to our surprise favors have been returned. We have received cash contributions from inmates in Davis Correctional, Holdenville, OK and inmates from Jim Hamilton Correctional Facility in Hodgen, OK have sent us over 100 hand knitted stocking caps that we will distribute on our Christmas trip to Mexico! You guys are awesome! Keep up the great work!

Thank you to the Stratford High School science classes for your donation to those in need in Mexico. Included were toilet paper, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, dolls and a variety of other items for kids in orphanages and underprivileged children. We appreciate so much, teacher Teresia Harrison spearheading this project. You all made a tremendous impact!



*Mexico Project – Stratford High School*

Thanks to everyone involved in delivering a semi trailer load of 26 pallets of disaster relief supplies to the city of Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico. Muchas gracias to Arms of Compassion for paying the transportation cost!

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*Mexico Relief Supplies*

A big "Muchas Gracias" to the Stratford Free Will Baptist Church for their donation of four new laptop computers for the Free Will Baptist Seminary in Cuba! Those teachers and instructors were happy, happy, happy...feliz, feliz, feliz!

We have great appreciation for Legacy Church, Ada, OK for the \$5,000+ donation for the tornado disaster in Oklahoma! Pastor Scott Miller's wife Rachel came up with the idea to design and sell tee-shirts to raise money to help disaster victims. The response was overwhelming and was a tremendous success! We were able to distribute those funds to individuals for a variety of needs.



*Rachel Miller & Gary Curry*