



## Greensburg Tornado Update

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### **GREENSBURG TORNADO CRISIS RESPONSE**

- **The Provision Continues**

Last weekend we were graced with the presence of a great group from Westmark Church from Loomis, Nebraska. The crew worked exceptionally hard clearing off shingles from a roof and replacing damaged sheetrock in a Greensburg resident's home. They were all a lot of fun to be around and had more humor than most groups we have seen. It was a great encouragement for us to have these people here and see them caring for people they had never met. Their interactions with the homeowner and our time spent with them were yet another reminder that in God's economy there are no losers.

On Friday, we received word that a group from an Evangelical Friends Church in Southern California would be arriving Saturday and we were asked if we would be willing to make sure they had work for the week. As we had not had much time to plan for their arrival, we asked if they would be willing to help a farmer clear debris from his field so he could plant his next crop. The group immediately said "yes!" and so it was decided that the majority of them would work in the fields Monday.

Upon our arrival to the church Monday morning a youth group from Oregon arrived, they had planned to work through United Way but United Way had moved on and they were without instruction or work. This provided another opportunity for God to work and for Steve to get momentarily stressed. The youth group was connected with a local volunteer coordinator and was able to find a painting job in Greensburg. The retired crew from California set out for the field. As it turned out the high temperature for Monday was 103 degrees! It was soon decided that Tuesday the California group would take over the painting and the youth from Oregon would work on debris removal (sorry guys).

For the rest of the week the California group was able to finish painting the interior of a home for a local family and made some great connections with the homeowners and their kids. The Oregon group was extremely flexible and was very good natured working hard and clearing an entire field for a local farmer and digging a foundation for a local lady in extreme heat. While neither of these groups were on Lisa or my schedule God had a plan for them and made a great week possible.

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