

Forward

This third edition workbook, has been developed for the sole use of those involved in the Disaster Relief Ministry of American Baptist Men. No one is permitted to use the names and addresses in this book for any other purpose.

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WE CAN HELP!

We are trained, equipped and prepared to help with clean up from
floods,
tornados,
ice storms, and
inland hurricanes
---any disaster that calls for "cleanup".

Three trailers are equipped with the necessary tools and over 275 men, women and youth are "on call" to help when needed, if time permits.

Depending on the need, we will be a "**chain saw**" team or a "**mud out/muck out**" team; also site inspection and general clean up.

We come from many walks of life---some of us are "retired", some are taking time off from work or school. Our teams come from all over Illinois and Missouri.

We come freely, not expecting to be paid. We consider this part of our Christian faith and so we come in the love of Jesus.

As was stated in our first two editions: "It is our hope that this workbook will enable us to be prepared to respond to disasters when our help is needed.

Our ministry is summed up in these quotes:

"Christians with our sleeves rolled up!"

"Chains saws for Christ"

"It's not about the trees!"

"A spirit of Cooperation"

"A miracle from God"

--Mac Shotwell and Van Peters, Coordinators