

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE CONNECTIONS
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Re: Progress Report for Greensburg, KS.

VOLUNTEERS - Two groups of six each will be here in the next ten days. One group is from Nebraska and the other group from Missouri.

Please spread the news about our need for volunteers in January and February. We have work to be done inside and out depending on the weather.

COMMUNITY BUILDING AT THE VOLUNTEER VILLAGE – Electric, woodwork trim and carpet is finished. We will be putting in two bathrooms and central heat/air in the next two weeks.

COMMUNITY BUILDING USE – This building is now used as a community gathering place. On December 1, a cold wet day, people began gathering at 8:30 am although the doors would not open until 9:00 am. Donations of 160 Christmas trees, decorations, lights, quilts and toys were going to be distributed. There was enough of everything for the several hundred people that came.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Salina, KS., and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fall City, NE., were two of the several groups that brought donations. Thank You!

The building is being used by volunteers for meals, devotions and socializing. It will also be used for meetings of service groups, business groups and government entities.

CHRISTMAS PARADE – A lighted Christmas Parade had been a tradition in Greensburg. The tradition continued December 2 as 200-300 people lined Main Street for a parade of lighted floats lasting about thirty minutes. Santa's House with Santa and Mrs. Claus on the porch was the highlight of the parade. The house was funded by Rotary Clubs and volunteers did the work to wire, insulate, finish the interior and paint. After the parade, a large number of people gathered in the Community Building for refreshments. Discovery Channel was in Greensburg for the weekend to film the happenings.

FROM THE SITE DIRECTOR – It is good to be here. Every day progress is made in rebuilding this community. Some days more results are seen than others. However, there is always progress because Christians of many denominations are giving time, prayers and financial support. Last week I grew spiritually by listening to and leading volunteer devotions which occur daily.

In His Service,

Chuck Jedele