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Convoy of Hope's Disaster Services team is consistently among the first to respond to disasters at home and around the world. Highly regarded for our scalable response and distribution model, we utilize our eight international warehouses, four domestic warehouses, a specialized disaster response fleet, and a highly-trained team of staff and volunteers to respond to disasters quickly and effectively.

We serve millions of people affected by natural and man-

made disasters every year through partnerships with local churches, businesses, government agencies, other nonprofits, and our incredible donors and volunteers.

WHY RESPOND?

In 1998, we responded to our first disaster — flooding in Del Rio, Texas, after Tropical Storm Charley. Since then, we have responded to hurricanes, typhoons, ice storms, earthquakes, tornadoes, wildfires, and floods in the U.S. and throughout the world. Our goal? To give people help and hope in times of great need. Already, we've responded to more than 370 disasters and have had the opportunity to bring food, water, ice, emergency supplies, and long-term solutions to families reeling from tragedy.

“Lasting help is made possible when volunteers, nonprofits, businesses, and governments work like a team.”



NICK WIERSMA
Senior Director – Disaster Services
Church Engagement

OUR APPROACH

Preparedness

Our team provides preparedness and resilience training for leaders and volunteers. We work to equip each individual with the wisdom and tools they need to partner with Convoy of

Monitoring

Our team constantly monitors developing weather and natural disaster events, as well as the ever changing climate of conflict and economic situations. By staying up-to-date and utilizing on-

Hope during a disaster and help their communities become more prepared before they experience one.

Response

Response efforts vary depending on the nature of a disaster. We work with national, state, and local partners to equip our teams and volunteers with the information they need to provide immediate assistance through the distribution of relief supplies, such as food, clean water, hygiene kits and other needed items.

the-ground connections with partners, we gain a better understanding of the realities in the affected areas and can respond quickly.

Recovery

Our ultimate goal is to assist families and communities in returning to self-sustainability after a disaster. To do that, our teams utilize various initiatives, including organizing volunteers in debris removal and cleanup, distribution of building materials, income generation projects, agricultural training, and assisting in the rebuilding process. We continue our work for months — sometimes even years — to bring immediate and long-term relief to those who are suffering.

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NICK WIERSMA

Senior Director of Disaster Services Church Engagement

Nick Wiersma has been on the front lines of numerous disaster responses: Haiti, Chile, New York, Japan, Oklahoma, and the Philippines. He's clocked countless hours helping others in their time of need, yet he's quick to credit his colleagues and volunteers for their support and dedicated teamwork.



JOPLIN HOMES

In 2011, we broke ground on the first of 13 disaster-resistant and energy-efficient homes for survivors of the EF-5 tornado that left a



FOR SURVIVORS OF THE EF-5 TORNADO that tore a mile-wide swath through Joplin, Missouri. These families now have the peace of mind of owning a brand-new, energy-efficient home that is disaster resistant.

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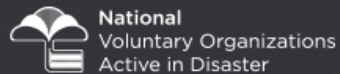
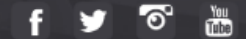
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