

"Be Prepared!" – Five Year Goals

(Updated April 2014)

Goal One: Create and maintain at least one team in each of the five area of the Great Rivers Region with a captain and assistant for each team. Subdivide the teams into smaller geographical units with team leaders which will enable quick response and contact when teams are needed to be alerted.

Goal Two: Enlist and maintain 25 or more members for each team and offer Hands-on training each year at the annual men's fall gathering.

Goal Three: Equip and maintain the disaster relief trailers, one of trailer for mud-out and one for chainsaws.

Goal Four: Meet annually in spring as a Regional Leadership Team (coordinators, trailer coordinators, team captains and assistants) for communication, planning, evaluating and ongoing support. Also be represented at National Coordinators gatherings.

Goal Five: Keep team members informed with periodic publishing of "UPDATE" as part of "UPSTREAM" publication or separate mailings.

Goal Six: Be in communication with IEMA, MEMA (Illinois and/or Missouri Emergency Management Agency), VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster), local Emergency Managers, Mayors, and local authorities, cooperating with them when disaster strikes.

Goal Seven: Be ready to respond when a disaster strikes anywhere in the Great Rivers Region. When disaster is outside the Great Rivers Region, we will cooperate with our National Disaster Coordinator and/or the Regional Disaster Coordinator and respond as needed.

Goal Eight: When we respond to a disaster call, the team should take time to pray for God's guidance. If we ask why we do what we are doing, we will refer to our motto: "Because Jesus Came, We Come". If the inquirer wants to know more, a personal testimony is in order. When possible, we will leave a Bible and a devotional guide as gifts for the survivors and pray with them.