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Dear Curt,

Thank you so much for your support last week. The St. John Church disaster response teams have been on six trips to five cities (Joplin MO-twice, Henryville IN, Moore OK, Orrick MO, and now Fairdale IL) over five years. The Fairdale experience was the most effective and efficient we have encountered.

We know disaster areas are typically somewhat chaotic, emotional, and fragmented. The volunteer coordinators are all trying to do the right thing to help without really listening to and supporting the local residents impacted by the tragedy. Based on our experience, Calvary Relief has the experience and background to really help people. It also seems that you and the Long Term Recovery Committee have a unified plan, which we don't typically see.

You asked for feedback before we left and about the only comments I can make is that we want to work with you again. I usually need to find sleeping arrangements, provide for food/meals, source a coordinator for work assignments, and connect with the local government (city hall) to coordinate the trip. Calvary Relief was a turn-key arrangement, which allowed us to arrive and get to work helping the hurting residents. Feedback from the homeowners was also positive when we had occasion to speak with them, which is an important part of being accepted as outsiders and gaining the trust needed from them to allow us to help them.

I pray that your ministry continues to be effective at coordinating volunteers because it is a key role. We realize you have other groups coming and know there is such a thing as having too many people or too many overlapping groups. We'd like to schedule time in late July or early August for a return trip if you have enough work and an opening in the schedule of volunteers.

In Christ,