



Super Tuesday Arkansas Tornadoes... Mercy Chefs responded to the call

Late in the night, Tuesday February 5th, the worst winter tornadoes outbreak in recent history tore through a five state area causing 59 deaths and countless damage to property and lives. Mercy Chefs responded to an immediate call to help from Gods Pit Crew and Randy Johnson. Mercy One was loaded and deployed within 24 hours to assist God's Pit Crew in Mountain View Arkansas. The Mt View tornado's 123 mile path is the longest tornado track since 1950. The EF4 storm packed winds of 166-200 mph. A disaster relief site was established by Operation Compassion in the Ozark Folk Center complete with shower trailers, food distribution, clean up and debris removal crews. Mountain View had lost all power, their only hospital and most of the infrastructure was damaged or destroyed. In a county devastated and with out power, Mercy One provided the only hot meal production available. 1000-2000 hot meals were prepared daily. Approximately 400,000# pounds of food and supplies were distributed to families who went without power for nearly a week. Operation Compassion, Feed the Children, Operation Outreach and Operation Blessing all provided much needed supplies and products. The Church of God Chaplains Commission carried hot meals from Mercy One into all the surrounding areas providing counseling services along with a hot meal. Mercy Chefs entered the town within minutes of FEMA arriving. Mercy Chef Gary LeBlanc was joined by Chefs JT Williams and Herman Moseley and James and Shirley Groves, new Mercy Chef volunteers. All worked diligently in cold and trying conditions to provide high quality professionally prepared meals to victims, volunteers and first responders. David Petray and Sysco of Little Rock provided a much needed supply line and proved most generous in their support and encouragement. Thank you to all of Mercy Chefs supporters and donors, your generous giving enabled us to respond quickly and with the most efficient equipment available.



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'*Mercy Two*', our second state of the art mobile kitchen is waiting to be ordered. To do so we need your support. *Mercy Two* will be forward deployed in areas at high risk. As we transition from winter storms to tornado season to hurricane season, *Mercy Two* will move from *Wisconsin* to *Florida*. As it does, you can be part of the response. You can volunteer to work at a disaster site, provide a financial donation or provide a product resource lead. Please send your donation to Mercy Chefs, 9 Early Dr, Portsmouth, VA 23701 or go online to www.mercychefs.com to volunteer.