

# Joplin, MO

## 2012 Teams

Forward Edge International—Team #



## WHAT IS THE NEED?

On Sunday, May 22, 2011 an EF-5 tornado hit the town of Joplin, MO. It cut a mile-wide, six-mile-long swath through the heart of the 40,000-resident community, leveling a third of the city, killing over 165 people, damaging or destroying 8000 homes and affecting at least 400 businesses. The damage was so severe it's estimated it'll take five years to rebuild.

As a short-term volunteer serving in Joplin, you will have opportunities to make needed repairs on damaged homes, aid in rebuilding homes that were completely destroyed, and share the love of Jesus with people whose lives have been turned upside down. With the national news media moving on to other stories, thousands in Joplin fear that they are on their own in picking up the pieces. We can show them they're not!

With nearly two decades of disaster-response experience, Forward Edge International will provide volunteer teams with practical preparatory materials, experienced on-site facilitators and complete logistical coordination.



## For More Information:

Nicole Klepec, Team Coordinator for Joplin:  
360.574.3343 or [nicole@forwardedge.org](mailto:nicole@forwardedge.org).



## IMPORTANT DATES

(Total Team Fee: \$495 per person)

### 90 Days Prior

Application & Liability Release Form DUE.

### 60 Days Prior

\$250.00 First Payment DUE. (\$100 non-refundable)

### 30 Days Prior

\$245.00 Final Payment DUE.

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### WAYS YOU WILL SERVE:

Your team will be doing all types of community outreach. You will partner with local ministries to work on repairing homes and other buildings in Joplin damaged by the tornado. Many people, especially the elderly, widows, single women and disabled individuals, do not have the resources to rebuild their homes—but with volunteer labor, it is possible. Whether you're a skilled laborer, or simply someone with a heart to serve, you'll provide a renewed sense of hope for many who've lost everything.

### WHERE WILL YOU STAY?

You will be partnering with Grace Baptist Church, and staying at one of two housing locations. Your team will come alongside the locals of Joplin to partner with them in their rebuilding efforts. FEI will provide a facilitator to help coordinate your activities in the area, along with the church leadership. Team members will share in the kitchen/cooking duties, as arranged by your facilitator. You will have breakfast and dinner at the church, and take a sack lunch with you while you're serving and working.

### WHAT WILL IT COST?

The team fee for this trip is **\$495 per person**. This fee covers team training materials, accommodations, meals (*please bring an additional \$10-15 for one meal out*), transportation on-site, some construction materials and a team facilitator. This fee does not include transportation to the area. If you plan to fly into the area, you will need to fly into Springfield, MO (SGF) or Branson, MO (BKG). It will take another hour to two hours, respectively, to drive to Joplin.

**PAYMENTS:** There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit due with your first payment that will be applied toward your team fee. Payments can be paid by check or by credit card at [www.forwardedge.org](http://www.forwardedge.org) (Pay Team Fee). Make checks payable to: *Forward Edge International*. All payments need to reflect the **team member name and team number**.

### PREPARATION:

As soon as Forward Edge receives completed applications, we'll send you a team pack which includes: T-shirt, SURF Training materials and more information. Please note: FEI strongly recommends that each team member has a current **tetanus shot**. Please contact Team Coordinator **Nicole Klepec** at Forward Edge with any questions. [nicole@forwardedge.org](mailto:nicole@forwardedge.org), **360-574-3343**.



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