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A Glimpse of the Need



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“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,...” Psalm 46:1,2a



Checking over details of Dan Stucky’s plans are Gorden Thomason, Dan Stucky (homeowner), Ed Wofford, Site Supervisor and Trenton Ellison, Construction Project Manager.

LOVE is blessed to have such capable,

committed individuals being called to come along side this ongoing work.

A Pretty Normal Day?

Dan Stucky (top left) said that April 27, 2011; was a pretty normal day. High winds earlier in the day had caused some necessary yard chores but the television reports he had been following had indicated that the Tuscaloosa tornadoes were taking the path of the '98 storms and would miss Pleasant Grove. He headed out to do the cleanup work.

He couldn't help but notice the darkening sky and decided to check the weather again. When he did, he heard the words, “Pleasant Grove, you have 5 minutes to get in your safe place!” Then the power went out.

Dan had some trouble convincing his son, Stephen, it was for real. Sirens had been going off all day. Seconds after he agreed to put on his shoes and take cover in the hallway, things began to hit the house. The rumble was terribly loud and there was a musty smell in the air. The floor underneath them began to rise and then suddenly slammed

down. In a matter of moments it was over! Inspecting the damage, they found everything was destroyed except the hallway in which they had taken shelter. When asked if he was afraid, Dan said, “It all happened so fast, I didn't have time to feel any fear.”

Stephen had the presence of mind to turn off the gas line and then they checked on neighbors. They found the same scenario ...total destruction except where the people had taken cover. Dan said he knew that God had covered them with His protection.

Dear friends have provided shelter since that day. He feels blessed and overwhelmed with thankfulness to God and to friends old and new.

His pastor from First Baptist Church of Pleasant Grove, Daven Watkins, helped connect Dan and Gorden a month and a half after the storm. While many have left Pleasant Grove, Dan said that was never a question for him. This is home! Because of the help he has received from **LOVE** they hope to be able to move into their new home by Christmas.

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