



VCOM Missouri Flood Relief



Beginning this past Monday, March 18th and through Wednesday, torrential rains fell across the central United States. One of the hardest hit areas is Piedmont, Missouri where more than twelve inches of rain caused streams and rivers to overflow their banks. In Piedmont the center of downtown was covered with two to three feet of water. About 300 of the 900 homes had to be evacuated. The town's water was cut off when the bridge carrying the pipeline was destroyed by the river. Several people have died as a result of the flooding.

The waters are receding, but they are leaving behind a soggy mess of debris and destroyed homes. In addition, the resources of the local authorities and healthcare providers are being stressed as they try to clean up the devastation and help displaced individuals put their lives back together.

On March 26, 2008 VCOM will be sending a team to Piedmont, Missouri to help in the relief efforts. The team will help in the cleanup and also provide medical care when appropriate. Another goal of the relief team is to provide financial assistance to those who have lost their possessions and who need to obtain the basics of life such as food and water. The team will return to Virginia on March 30, 2008.

The goal is to send a team of sixty volunteers, but we know there are many who cannot go, but would still like to participate in providing relief. VCOM has established a VCOM Missouri

Flood Relief Fund. **All funds will be given directly to flood victims and none of the donations will be used for administrative expenses.** All donations are tax-deductible and VCOM will provide a receipt upon request.

We ask those VCOM family members and other individuals who want to help, but who cannot travel to Missouri to directly support the relief efforts by providing financial support. If you are able to provide a donation please complete the attached form and return it and your donation to Susan Hincker in Administration at VCOM at the address below or forward the form and your donation to a VCOM student or faculty member who will deliver your donation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.



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Would you like a receipt? YES NO

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