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EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE ANNOUNCES DISASTER RELIEF TRIP TO ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI

Tupelo, Miss.—Eight Days of Hope announced that they will lead a major rebuilding effort in Smithville, Mississippi, and Hackleburg, Alabama, this fall to help these areas rebuild from tornadoes that devastated the areas earlier this year. The storms caused over \$2 billion in damage across the southeast.

Eight Days of Hope will bring together volunteers from across the nation to help rebuild these two towns October 29 through November 5.

“The thousands of people who are still living in despair after these horrible tornados do not make the nightly news,” said Eight Days of Hope President Steven Tybor III. “Those who are still waiting for help in rebuilding do not have a voice. Eight Days of Hope’s goal is to bring hope to those who are still waiting and to help them rebuild their homes before the Thanksgiving season.”

Eight Days of Hope is a nonprofit faith based organization committed to rebuilding the damaged homes of those affected by natural disasters. Since 2005, over 7,500 Eight Days of Hope volunteers have helped to rebuild or remodel 1,072 homes in Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Iowa on seven different relief trips.

“We rely on the generosity of individuals and organizations to help support the efforts of our volunteers,” Tybor stated. “We provide assistance to the uninsured and the underinsured and appreciate those who lay the financial foundation for this work.”

To date, more than \$10 million of work has been completed by Eight Days of Hope.

Tybor expects another large turnout of volunteers for the organizations eighth trip. “I expect around 1,500 volunteers will travel to these two areas with over 50 percent of these volunteers being electricians, carpenters, licensed contractors and tradesman ready to help those in need.”

For more information about this upcoming trip please visit the web site: www.eightdaysofhope.com.

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Eight Days of Hope is a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to helping residents rebuild their homes and lives in the wake of a natural disaster. We serve all people regardless of race, gender, religion or ethnicity. Please visit www.eightdaysofhope.com for more information, to provide financial support, or to volunteer.