

One of my sons and his wife and 3 children (5, 3, and 7 months) escaped with just what they could put in their car. They say their basic needs are met, but they need to replace items such as dishes, silverware, sheets, etc. In other words, they don't have a pot to boil water. They will need to replace bigger ticket items when they find where they will be and in what kind of lodging, so money will help toward these.

This is what would help:

Target gift cards

Land of Nod gift cards (to do something for the kids)

Ikea gift cards

Sierra Trading Post gift cards (these cover about 4 different stores)

Money toward bigger ticket items

Our older son lost everything but his car and a couple pairs of jeans, a coat, and a couple of hats. He worked for us, so he lost his job too. His girlfriend lost her house, but he did his very best to save it. He says the most helpful things now are gift cards or money toward larger items.

The following would help:

Gift cards for fuel

Gift cards for food places (cheap to moderate as they need to eat out often)

Walmart gift cards

Sierra Trading Post gift cards (these cover about 4 different stores)

Kohl's gift cards

Money toward bigger ticket items

I don't know what kind of place they will end up in, but I can take some furniture items to store for them. I'm sure needs will change as time goes on. Although Chuck and I lost our business and life will be different for us, we are most concerned for their needs. Thank you for your generosity during this challenging time.

~Joan Jarrett