

## **Brethren Life & Thought News Release**

The journal, *Brethren Life & Thought*, is pleased to announce the release of a special issue dedicated to the centennial celebration of Bethany Theological Seminary. Volume 49.1&2, (2004), "*Bethany Theological Seminary*," was guest edited by Nancy Faus, Donald E. Miller, and Graydon Snyder. Two groups of persons were invited to contribute articles. One group includes graduates from Bethany who went on to pursue an academic career. The second group of writers includes persons who know the seminary well without having graduated from Bethany. Some of them have a perspective from outside the tradition of the Church of the Brethren. All were asked to reflect upon the curriculum of the seminary from their vantage points. Twenty six authors share their perspectives on mission, educational style, and legacy of the seminary. This special issue has a collage of articles about the history and influence of Bethany's curriculum. Visit the website for a list of articles and authors. Issue price: \$10, plus \$2.50 S/H; One-year subscription price: \$20. Mail request with check to: *Brethren Life & Thought*, c/o Bethany Theological Seminary, 615 National Road W, Richmond, IN 47374 phone: 765-983-1811. email: [gardnca@bethanyseminary.edu](mailto:gardnca@bethanyseminary.edu), web: [www.brethren.org/bethany/blt.htm](http://www.brethren.org/bethany/blt.htm)



### **Disaster Response Work Assignment: Oct 31-Nov.**

**Hallam, Nebraska,  
Tornado Recovery**

**Volunteer Housing:** Antelope Park

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The small Nebraska town of Hallam, Nebraska was nearly obliterated by a powerful F-4 tornado (winds up to 260 mph) that struck on May 22. Of the town's 170 homes, only 7 are repairable. The rest have been condemned and must be completely rebuilt. Many of the affected families were underinsured.

**VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE CONSTRUCTION SKILLS ARE NEEDED.** We are tentatively limiting group size to 15 for now. The Western Plains tool trailer and an ER/SM truck will be on site, and the Lincoln Action Program has a minivan that can be at our disposal. Volunteers should bring their own towels and bedding. **CONTACT: JOHN BUNCH—765-651-0655 for more information or to volunteer.**

## **Denominational CoB News Regarding Emergency Disaster**

The Emergency Disaster Fund allocated \$15,000 to support the child care, fund clean up, and help establish a rebuilding project. The Disaster Response office is sending Larry Williams, a disaster project director from Frederick, Md., to Florida to evaluate areas of need for a rebuilding project. He will work with Atlantic Southeast District disaster response coordinator John Mueller to determine project sites and volunteer housing options, and to meet with other disaster programs, reported Emergency Response director Roy Winter. Winter already is assessing the next storm to come through the Caribbean. "As Hurricane Ivan unleashes rain and destruction on gulf coast states, now hurricane Jeanne strengthened while over Puerto Rico," he said. "I have reports of a foot of rain in Puerto Rico with more coming. At this point I have not been able to reach anyone in Puerto Rico, but expect there will be a lot of flooding."



### **The Emergency Response office issued guidelines for those wanting to donate relief**

**materials.** "It is vitally important that people wishing to donate material goods go through the proper channels and donate only those items that are specifically requested by authorized relief agencies," Disaster Response Coordinator Jane Yount said. She asked **those wanting to donate to Florida to see [www.volunteerflorida.org](http://www.volunteerflorida.org) or call 800-FL HELP-1.** Donations will go to a partnership of disaster relief organizations and the Tampa Fair authority, to be distributed to local relief agencies for those in need. Another option for material donations is Gift of the Heart kits, particularly Emergency Clean-up Buckets and Health Kits, Yount said. For more information visit [www.churchworldservice.org/kits](http://www.churchworldservice.org/kits).