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## ONE STORMY NIGHT!

Dear Friend,

Our eyes were glued to the television most of Tuesday evening and into the early morning not to watch American Idol re-runs but minute by minute accounts of the biggest storm in Tennessee history since 1933. We survived the storms that blew through Tennessee this past week. Our nerves were a little rattled and it was actually a bit scary for us Southern California natives. These storms didn't just visit us with hard rains, thunder and lightning. They brought with them golf ball sized hail and tornadoes. It was estimated that 30-40 tornadoes touched down throughout the southern states and were responsible for 31 lives in Tennessee and millions of dollars of property damage. Thankfully, our suburb of Nashville was barely affected by this severe weather. Most of the major storms passed about 10 miles north of us as it made its way northeast through Tennessee.

It was weird to hear sirens blaring in the distance not from police cars responding to some disturbance in the city but to early warning systems alerting residents to take cover in their homes as the storms pass by. I don't know about you, but I think I prefer earthquakes over tornadoes. Mother Nature can show her strength in times like this. I'm just thankful that we can trust God to protect us in these moments. Please pray for those people of who are healing and recovering from much loss.

As Christians we understand that there are far more devastating things in life than tornadoes and storms. Sin continues to wreck havoc in young people's lives all over this nation. That is why the over 120 campus missionaries Every Nation Ministries employs are so vital and why our missionary staff gathering at the end of February is so important. We need these campus missionaries to "stay in the game" of reaching young people. But many times they must fight through things like discouragement, lack of funding or just the rejection one can sometimes feel when preaching the Gospel on secular universities. That's where Tina and I come in. We remember, as if it were just yesterday, wrestling through these issues and growing in our walk and ministry with God in the beginning years of ministry. We now have daily opportunities to relate our life and ministry experiences to staff just starting out or empathize with those who are in the same season of ministry we're in. The staff gathering is our opportunity to coach and encourage campus missionaries as they wrestle through these issues and grow in their ministry work and walk with God. Please pray that these missionaries leave encouraged and refreshed by God's presence and ready to storm the campuses anew.

Finally, I just have to say thank you. I can truly say that without your partnership we couldn't continue to fulfill the part God has given us in the Great Commission. We're praying that God blesses you abundantly for your faithful partnership with us.

Your partners,  
Paul & Tina

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