

One Moment

One moment; what could these two small words mean to you?

To a disaster victim, it can be a wall of water two stories high crashing down upon his family in, "one moment".

To a disaster victim, it can mean a mountain of mud pushing her home into a crumbled mass of boards, belongings, bricks and mud in, "one moment".

To a disaster victim, it can be the words, "evacuate your home immediately" with only time to grab the children and any nearby pets in, "one moment".

To a disaster victim, it can be a dam or a levee breaking and rushing with massive force and swiftness towards his home in, "one moment".

To a disaster victim, it can be the most terrifying sound of a tornado speeding towards her home in, "one moment".

To a disaster victim in a hurricane, it can mean boarding up your home, leaving and knowing it may be totally destroyed in, "one moment".

To a disaster victim, it can be an earthquake that demolish his home and family's life both physically and mentally in, "one moment".

To a disaster victim, it can mean losing everything she knew, her house, her neighborhood, in "one moment".

To a disaster victim, it can mean an ice storm that brings down a massive tree upon his family's home and takes out the power for weeks in, "one moment".

To a disaster victim, it can mean awaking to the smell of thick smoke and crawling out of the heat and smoke to safety in "one moment".

To a disaster victim, it can mean a lifetime of physical memories that were destroyed in, "one moment".

To a disaster victim, it can mean the unimaginable, the death of a love one in, "one moment".

ONE MOMENT A DISASTER: THEN RELIEF, FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY RED CROSS WILL BE THERE TO HELP WITH CLOTHING, FOOD, SHELTER, AND IMMEDIATE NEEDS!

The worsening recession, coupled with a seasonal surge of house fires, has depleted the resources of many American Red Cross chapters as they struggle to meet rising demands at a time of dwindling donations. The Franklin County Chapter is no exception. We're committed to making sure that, while it's tough for the Red Cross, it's not tough for our families.

I am a volunteer with the Disaster Relief Team. I wrote this letter because I have seen so many times the relief that washes over a disaster client when they realize that they will have a warm and secure place to lay their heads, with food, medicine, clothing and other needs met for their family. The Red Cross also offered assistance with the first month's rent.

Ten thousand dollars has been spent this past month of fires and a shelter. We need your support! Won't you please donate to the Red Cross, whether it is locally, for a specific disaster or nationally.

WE CANNOT NOT BE HERE - PEOPLE LOOK TO US!

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