



The Casto Family (Brett and Rachel) will be traveling to one of the areas hit the hardest in western North Carolina to deliver donated items in partnership with Samaritan's Purse. They plan on taking several trips, with the earliest one being next weekend.

**The first round of donations needs to be collected by Thursday, October 10th.** You can bring your donations to church on Sunday OR to the church office on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday next week. (Please contact Sarah McMahon to coordinate alternate drop off times.)

- **Non perishables** (bottled water, sports drinks, canned goods, protein bars, chips)
- **Baby Items** (diapers, pull ups, wipes, formula)
- **Hygiene Items** (toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel size shampoo, soap, deodorant, feminine care)
- **First Aid Items** (band aids, ointments, antiseptic, hand sanitizer)
- **Paper Goods** (toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, plastic cups, cutlery)
- **Tarps, generators, tools, gas cans, chain saws**
- **Dog/Cat Food**
- **Clothing, pet crates/carriers, new towels, bedding, pillows**

*A message from Brett and Rachel:*

"We would love our church to partner with us in collecting donations for the communities that are devastated. We have an opportunity to be "the Church" and come alongside people who have lost everything. Would you help us show the south our love all the way from Northeastern Ohio? We are also accepting donations in any amount for travel costs to cover gas and transportation of donations. Any amount above covering those costs will go directly back to donations."

\*If you have any questions about donations feel free to reach out to Rachel directly at [rachelecasto@gmail.com](mailto:rachelecasto@gmail.com) or 301-509-2638. Visit [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) for other ways you can help.