

[On Jerry Vogel's business letterhead?]

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Dear friends,

I have been President of the Board of Cary Christian Center for six years now. I love this ministry. And today I'm writing because this ministry is in danger.

If you have been following the news about the Mississippi River flooding, you may have seen some of the impact this natural disaster has had on the people who live in these areas. Record-breaking rainfalls led the Army Corp of Engineers to decide to open dams to divert the waters. As a result, many people—including people we serve—have lost everything they own and will need to relocate.

The Army Corp of Engineers also recommended that Cary Christian Center evacuate. So we did. Dorsey and his staff packed up and shut down. Programs were discontinued. Employees were laid off. For three weeks we waited to see if the flood waters would reach the Center.

By God's grace, the levees around Cary were not breached. We are now faced with the task of moving back in and restarting our programs.

But, sadly, we don't have the resources we need to re-start. More people need our help than ever before, and our ability to help them has been compromised! Not only have we incurred additional expenses related to packing and moving and storing, but we have not been blessed by as many donations as in the past.

Cary Christian Center has been serving the poor in Mississippi for more than 30 years. Some of you have been with us that long! I myself have been part of the CCC family for 20 years—picking up donations from individuals, packing trailers, and then driving these trailers 1,200 miles to Cary and back. I love the people, the work, and the changed lives.

Throughout my years with the ministry, I have met many people who share my passion for “breaking the cycle of poverty,” as Dorsey puts it. That shared passion is always an encouragement to me.

This has always been a shared ministry—no one person could do this alone! And I am now hoping that people who love Cary will unite again and help us get back on our feet.

Will you pray for God's guidance? Will you ask for His leading as you consider ways you can help us financially? Will you support us in your daily prayers?

We need you.

Only with your continued generous partnership can we continue doing God's work through Cary Christian Center.

Sincerely,

Jerry Vogel, Board President