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ADVANCE - The Bethel General Baptist Church Youth Group decided this year instead of going to National Youth Conference somewhere that they wanted to give back; and they did just that.

The group wanted to help the people of Joplin, who are still suffering from the tornado a year ago. They had a yard sale during the 100 Mile Yard Sale and raised money to donate to *Mission Joplin* which is a church organization providing for the physical needs of the community members.

Then the first week of June the group of twenty-three headed west. While out there they painted, cleaned up debris, stocked shelves, delivered furniture, listened to some pretty amazing stories people had to share, and prayed.

“It really was a great experience for all of us on the trip. It opened my eyes and I know some others with us too. And it really shows the people of Joplin that people STILL care.” said Wesley Garner, youth group member.

Photo above: The Bethel General Baptist youth group pause for a photo during the mission trip to Joplin. (Photo by Sara Mace - thanks, Sara!)

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