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Please collect all kits and coordinate delivery with your District Office, by Monday, October 1. You may also give financially. Checks can be made to “Holston Conference” with “Florence Response” on the memo line and mailed to: Holston Conference, PO Box 850, Alcoa, TN 37701.

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Let us continue to pray for all those within the path of this storm and for those who are willing to serve the needs of others.

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