

LATEST NEWS FROM KANSAS

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Well, the trailer park is getting empty. There are fewer than 100 trailers left. People are busy rebuilding their homes and moving out of the park. They are so excited to be back in their homes. Some folks have moved on to other locations closer to their jobs or have found new jobs, but most of the folks stayed in town. They are building some beautiful homes, as you can see in the upper right hand corner. Many of them are putting safe rooms in the basement. Others are putting in the concrete shelters you see above. They dig a big hole in their yard and set the shelters in the ground about to the indentation you see on the corners of the concrete. Then, of course, they fill the dirt back in around the concrete. I put a picture of the trucks that come in and load up a trailer. They haul them away to be cleaned, sanitized, and

whatever else they do to them, and then take them to another disaster. One resident in town has planted a vineyard. He says he makes wine, but unfortunately it was all destroyed in the disaster, so no taste test! He said it will be several years before he can make wine with these grapes. The weather here has been very hot, in the 100s. The night cools off enough to make it foggy in the morning when I drive to work and I put in one of my early-morning-drive pictures. This is probably the last newsletter I will send from Kansas. I am leaving in September to head for Asia. I will go to China first. Then I am teaching at a disaster conference in Kuala Lumpur, then to Bangkok, and then home to Nebraska. I will be gone one month. Take care and please keep in touch, Sandy