

Thursday April 19th

We are back at the hotel after another 10 hour day. It feels good to relax a bit and pop a couple of Tylenol.

We finally got to start our nice little tile job. The shower floor is now installed and ready for grout, but others will have to complete the wall tile. The bathroom plumbing job is also under way. Both of these jobs are at the same house. We should be able to rap up the piping for the bathroom tomorrow.



Cutting tile for the shower floor



Getting a start on laying the floor tile



Marking where the holes are to be cut for the plumbing

The floor project in the new office, that we have been working on for the past two days, is complete except for a couple of pieces of wall baseboard. We will install those in the morning. We had to leave those until tomorrow to let some construction adhesive dry before we could continue. We appear to be right on schedule to complete all our jobs by tomorrow evening and travel on Saturday.

And that's the news from Joplin.

Just one more note; The home with the tile and plumbing jobs belongs to a young couple who lost their home and belongings in the storm. They thought they had a great start rebuilding right next door to where their old home had stood. But sadly the California contractor they hired and trusted left them with just a shell of a house and no money. They paid \$60,000 in advance for building materials that would have completed the home, and never saw the contractor again. How often we hear this story of people taken advantage of by crooked contractors who prey on disaster victims. Now this couple must rely on volunteers to complete their home. It takes longer this way, but we hope this example of Christian love can restore their faith in human nature and a renewal of the spirit.