



Florida Baptist
Convention

Right Beside You.

Current Situation:

8.30.17

Rains continue to fall and flooding continues to devastate the Houston area. Rains are beginning also in southwestern parts of LA. LA has started evacuation efforts in some parts of Lake Charles, LA. The response continues to remain as a **“Rescue Operation”**. Both TX Convention DR volunteers are engaging. With the

variable of unknowns out of state DR's are making plans and Pre-staging is underway. We know with the rising number of people being displaced that shelter numbers will continue to grow as well as the number of shelters. We are starting to receive communications from Florida Baptists as what can they do or offering to volunteer. We are encouraging them to give money and that they can give through FBC and designate for Disaster Relief Harvey.

What is being Done:

We remain on Standby but FLDR are preparing to send a Feeding Team along with a Feeding Unit and support Units as soon as requested. Volunteers are being put on Standby Clean Up Recovery Teams, Child Care Teams, along with the full range of volunteers in Admin, Chaplains, ERT, and Logistics are also being requested to go to Stand by with initial plans on Teams being ready to depart.

Planning and communication with all SBDR (Southern Baptist Disaster Relief) is ongoing and as the operations move to Recovery we will assist.

What to expect:

We anticipate that there will be a large response within our state of church groups and individuals to wanting to become engaged in some way to help. FLDR can serve as the link between response and needs.

We are projecting the possibility of needing churches along I-10 to serve as overnight hosts for teams as they travel.

We are projecting possible needs of identifying churches with vans or buses that would be able to transport volunteers to and from the impacted area

The best donation would be cash. We are too early in the response to know what short falls will occur. It has been our experience that clothes collections are not the best as they overwhelm reception centers and warehouses. Of course, every situation is different so we will remain ready to respond.

We expect this to be a long-term response.

We will continue to monitor Invest 93L and other weather issues as we are in the “heart” of hurricane season.

Praying that He would settle the winds and rain and stir hearts of His people to serve together in being right beside those who suffer

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