

## **Operation Blessing International Deploying Disaster Relief Team To Moore, Oklahoma**

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (May 21, 2013) – The domestic disaster relief team from Operation Blessing International (OBI), one of the largest humanitarian organizations in America, is deploying to Moore, Oklahoma, where a massive tornado struck yesterday.

Late last night, an advance team led by Jody Herrington-Gettys, director of U.S. disaster relief for Operation Blessing International, deployed from Granbury, Texas where they had been helping with tornado relief following last week's storm there. OBI coordinated more than 500 volunteers in that effort including many from longtime partner, The Home Depot.

A caravan of OBI emergency equipment is currently en route to Moore, including a construction unit, mobile command center, trucks full of tools and supplies, and a team of construction foremen. The caravan is expected to arrive by noon local time.

Bill Horan, president of OBI, departed from Norfolk early today and will be meeting with local emergency management officials and partner agencies to begin the coordination of relief efforts.

To donate to the relief effort or for updates on the response, please visit [www.ob.org](http://www.ob.org) <<http://www.ob.org>>

### **ABOUT OPERATION BLESSING INTERNATIONAL:**

Operation Blessing International (OBI) is one of the largest charities in America, providing strategic disaster relief, medical aid, hunger relief, clean water and community development in 23 countries around the world on a daily basis. Currently, Forbes ranks OBI as one of its "100 Largest Charities" with an efficiency rating of 99%, and Consumers Digest also named OBI as one of "America's Top Charities" in 2012. Founded in 1978, Operation Blessing International has touched

the lives of more than 255 million people in more than 105 countries and 50 states, providing goods and services valued at over \$3.3 billion to date.

To see an electronic press kit of OBI's work please visit:

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