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## **Operation Blessing International Sends Disaster Relief Advance Team To Napa, CA**

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (August 25, 2014) – One of the largest charities in America, Operation Blessing International (OBI) has deployed team leaders from its US Disaster Relief team to the Napa, CA area following a 6.0 earthquake early Sunday.

According to media reports, the quake destroyed 90-100 homes in the area, 33 buildings in the city of Napa, cut-off electricity to 70,000 customers, caused gas leaks, broke 60 main water pipes and sparked several fires.

Dan Moore, Director, U.S. Disaster Relief for Operation Blessing International, deployed from Virginia Beach Sunday afternoon with an advance team. They arrived last night and will be meeting with local leaders and emergency management officials today to determine the areas of greatest need and how OBI may be able to assist.

Operation Blessing International's US Disaster Relief Team is a first responder to dozens of major disasters in the USA each year. Specializing in logistics, mass volunteer coordination, safe water and hunger relief, OBI USDR works with local authorities and emergency management officials in response to tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, snowstorms and other related events. As first responders OBI has disaster relief equipment strategically pre-staged at warehouses in Chesapeake, VA, Dallas, TX and Ocala, FL including a state of the art mobile command center, a CAT924 front-end loader, a 20-ton crane, portable kitchens that can feed over 1,000 hot meals a day, construction trailers full of tools and protective gear to equip thousands of volunteers, shower trailers, skid steers, cots and tents, electrical generators, roofing supplies, and thousands of tons of non perishable food and drinks via OBI's Hunger Strike Force.

Stay tuned to [www.ob.org](http://www.ob.org) for more information and updates.

### 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.

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