

Volunteers Needed For Flood Cleanup In Robert, Louisiana

Operation Blessing Coordinating Daily Volunteer Efforts

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (March 16, 2016) – One of the largest humanitarian organizations in America, Operation Blessing International is coordinating daily volunteer efforts in Robert, Louisiana, to help residents whose homes have been damaged by the recent flooding.

Specializing in disaster relief and logistics, Operation Blessing deployed its U.S. Disaster Relief team to Robert this week including a convoy of disaster relief equipment from the organization's headquarters in Virginia. Team leaders met with local officials and are now coordinating daily volunteer efforts to clean out homes, remove sheetrock, salvage belongings, etc.

“There are thousands of flooded homes in the region and we need everyone's help to get the recovery started,” said Jody Gettys, vice president of U.S. Disaster Relief & Programs for Operation Blessing International. “Spending a day as a volunteer and helping your neighbors can make a huge difference in their lives and is very rewarding, personally.”

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

Operation Blessing is accepting volunteers daily (except Sunday) at 8:00am at Crossgate Church (22494 U.S. 190). Orientation will begin at 8:30 AM and teams will be sent out from there. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, dress appropriately for work in the field, and also provide their own transportation to and from the work site. Operation Blessing will provide work assignments, management and tools. For more information on volunteering please contact National Volunteer Manager, Kerry Dodson by calling 757.226.3407 or via email at volunteer@OB.org.

RESIDENTS CAN REQUEST FREE VOLUNTEER HELP:

Residents are invited come in person to fill out a work request for FREE volunteer help at Crossgate Church (22494 U.S. 190) from 8:30am - 4:30pm daily (except Sunday). All residents must sign a work order form and a release form in person allowing volunteer teams access to your property. Volunteers will not be able to do work without a form SIGNED BY THE HOMEOWNER. Priority is given based on need (elderly, sick, disabled, etc) and is based on volunteer availability.

For more information on Operation Blessing International please log on to 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 27 countries around the world on a daily basis. In 2014, OBI was awarded Charity Navigator's coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management marking 8 years the charity has received this prestigious ranking. Forbes also ranks OBI as one of its “100 Largest Charities” with an efficiency rating of 99%. Founded in 1978, Operation

Blessing International has touched the lives of more than 292 million people in more than 105 countries and 50 states, providing goods and services valued at over \$4.2 billion.

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