

Operation Blessing International Deploys U.S. Disaster Relief Team To Louisiana For Flood Relief

Volunteers Needed For Flood Cleanup Starting Later This Week

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (August 15, 2016) – One of the largest humanitarian organizations in America, Operation Blessing International has deployed its U.S. Disaster Relief team to Louisiana to assist residents with cleanup from catastrophic flooding that has left more than 2,700 homes underwater, more than 20,000 rescued and at least 6 fatalities. The federal government has declared a major disaster in Louisiana and the area remains under a state of emergency.

An advance team is currently en route to Baton Rouge and will be meeting with local emergency management officials and church (or local) partners.

Operation Blessing's convoy of disaster relief equipment will depart from the organization's Ocala, FL warehouse early tomorrow and includes a construction trailer loaded with tools, a box truck full of volunteer equipment and supplies, a mobile kitchen capable of serving 2,000 hot meals each day, and a shower trailer for volunteers.

For this relief effort, Operation Blessing will team up with longtime partner, Healing Place Church, with campuses in Baton Rouge and Denham Springs.

Specializing in disaster relief and logistics, Operation Blessing will begin coordinating volunteer cleanup efforts later this week. Stay tuned for more information.

Operation Blessing expects to host overnight volunteer crews. For more information on volunteer housing please contact National Volunteer Manager, Kerry Dodson by calling 757.226.3407 or via email at volunteer@OB.org.

For more information please log on to www.ob.org.

ABOUT OPERATION BLESSING INTERNATIONAL:

Operation Blessing International (OBI) is one of the largest charities in America, providing humanitarian services such as strategic disaster relief, medical aid, hunger relief, clean water and community development in 37 countries in the last year. Forbes currently 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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