

## **Operation Blessing International Deploys US Disaster Relief Team To Fayetteville, NC**

### **Volunteers Needed For Daily Flood Cleanup Efforts Starting Tuesday October 11**

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (October 11, 2016) – One of the largest humanitarian organizations in America, Operation Blessing International, has deployed its US Disaster Relief team to the hard-hit area of Fayetteville, NC, and will begin coordinating daily volunteer efforts starting Tuesday, October 11 to help residents whose homes have been damaged by Hurricane Matthew.

Specializing in disaster relief and logistics, Operation Blessing's US Disaster Relief team arrived late Monday and met with local emergency management officials and partner organizations. A convoy of disaster relief equipment from the organization's warehouse in Ocala, FL arrived yesterday, including a mobile command center, a mobile kitchen equipped to serve 2,000 meals per day, a construction trailer full of tools and equipment, 2 box trucks full of emergency food and construction supplies, a shower trailer for volunteer housing.

Starting today, Operation Blessing will begin coordinating daily volunteer efforts to clean out homes, remove sheetrock, salvage belongings, etc.

#### **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:**

Operation Blessing will be accepting volunteers daily at 8:00 AM (Monday – Saturday) starting Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at Covenant Love Church in Fayetteville, NC (420 Dunn Road). Orientation will begin at 8:30 AM and teams will be sent out from there. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old 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 757-374-0944 or via email at [volunteer@OB.org](mailto:volunteer@OB.org)

Volunteer Housing: Operation Blessing will be providing FREE volunteer housing soon. Please call National Volunteer Manager, Kerry Dodson, at 757.226.3407 or via email at [volunteer@OB.org](mailto:volunteer@OB.org) to get more information. Please note that volunteers needing housing must register in teams of at least 2 people, they must register 24-48 hours in advance, and have a confirmed reservation prior to arrival.

#### **RESIDENTS CAN REQUEST FREE VOLUNTEER HELP:**

Residents are invited come in person to fill out a work request for FREE volunteer help at Covenant Love Church (420 Dunn Road) from 9:30am - 4:30pm daily (except Sunday). All residents must sign a work order form in person giving volunteer teams permission to 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 please call 757-274-8650.

For more information on Operation Blessing International please log on to [www.ob.org](http://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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