

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **OPERATION BLESSING INTL. SETS UP TWO LOCATIONS IN GREATER NEW ORLEANS AREA FOR RESIDENTS IN NEED OF HELP**

**-- Call Out for Volunteers, Now --**

NEW ORLEANS, LA (August 31, 2012) – Operation Blessing International (OBI), one of the largest international humanitarian organizations, has set up locations in Braithwaite and Arabi where residents in the greater New Orleans area impacted by Hurricane Isaac can receive help.

Moreover, OBI is calling for volunteers, who should go to the following location by 8A. tomorrow, Sat., Sept. 1 in order to receive their assignment:

-Living Cornerstone, 714 W. St. Bernard Parkway, Braithwaite.

The locations for residents needing help are:

-Living Cornerstone, 714 W. St. Bernard Parkway, Braithwaite, which is on the border of St. Bernard Parish & East Plaquemines Parish. This will serve the Braithwaite community.

-ACF Outreach-Operation Blessing Command Center, 7451 West Saint Bernard Highway, Arabi.

Services at the Living Cornerstone location include:

-Work requests for local homeowners needing assistance will be provided, free, by volunteers in such areas as minor roof repair, blue roof/tarps, debris removal, and chain saw work

-A shower trailer with hot/cold showers for residents, who will be working on their homes in the future.

Services at the ACF/OBI Command Center in Arabi include:

-The only location that will serve a daily lunch at noon and a hot dinner at 6P.

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On Thursday, some 2,223 meals were served at the Arabi site in a little over 2 hours, according to Jody Herrington-Gettys, OBI's Director of U.S. Disaster Relief. "We set up the kitchen and have started spreading the word. We estimated 500 to 1000 people, but the response and need has been incredible."

Anyone interested in volunteering can call OBI at 757-374-0944.

Log on to [www.ob.org](http://www.ob.org) for the latest information

**About Operation Blessing International**

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. OBI was awarded Charity Navigator's coveted 4 star rating for sound fiscal management for the 7th year in a row (2011), a feat that only 2% of rated charities have ever achieved. In November 2010, Forbes named OBI as the 6th most efficient charity in America. Additionally, the Chronicle of Philanthropy currently ranks OBI as the 23rd largest charity and the 6th largest international charity. Founded in 1978, Operation Blessing International has touched the lives of more than 235 million people in more than 105 countries and 50 states, providing goods and services valued at over \$2.7 billion to date.

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