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## **Operation Blessing International Deploys Disaster Relief Team To “Life-Threatening Flooding” In Pensacola, FL**

- Charity Currently Has Disaster Relief Teams In Tupelo, MS (Tornados) & Pensacola, FL (Floods) -

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (April 30, 2014) – Operation Blessing International, one of the largest humanitarian organizations in America, has deployed a second domestic disaster relief team in just two days, this one to Pensacola, Florida to help in the wake of what has been deemed, “life-threatening flooding.”

According to reports, upwards of 24 inches of rain fell in a 26-hour period, with five inches of rain in a single hour. Dozens of drivers were stranded as up to 3 feet of water inundated city streets.

An advance team led by Dan Moore, director of U.S. disaster relief for Operation Blessing, has arrived and will be assessing the damages and meeting with local emergency management authorities. A construction trailer full of tools, debris removal and flood cleanup equipment is en route, along with a state of the art mobile command center and a mobile kitchen capable of feeding thousands of hot meals a day to residents and emergency responders. OB has set up a base camp at Brownsville Assembly of God church and will begin coordinating volunteer efforts as early as Thursday.

Yesterday, an OB disaster relief team arrived in Tupelo, MS to help in the aftermath of tornadoes that destroyed over 100 homes and businesses there. The Operation Blessing Team set up a base of operations at the Word of Life Church (1984 Cliff Gookin Blvd, Tupelo) and is coordinating volunteer efforts to help residents whose homes were damaged. Anyone interested in volunteering, or residents needing help, should report to the Word of Life Church at 8:00am Monday through Saturday.

In addition to the disaster relief teams on the ground in Tupelo and Pensacola, Operation Blessing yesterday deployed three tractor-trailer truckloads containing thousands of pounds of bottled water, food and relief supplies. These were sent to Arkansas and Tennessee, which were both struck by deadly tornadoes since the weekend. The relief supplies will be distributed to residents in need by Operation Blessing International’s local partner organizations.

Stay tuned to [www.OB.org](http://www.OB.org) and the local media for more details to come.

### **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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PHOTO LINK of OB in Tupelo:

<http://photos.ob.org/portfolio/detail/tornado-victims-in-mississippi/>

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