

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

Volunteers Needed For Flood Cleanup Starting Saturday, April 23

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (April 21, 2016) – One of the largest humanitarian organizations in America, Operation Blessing International has deployed its U.S. Disaster Relief team to the Houston, Texas area to assist residents with cleanup from flooding caused by upwards of 17 inches of rain. So far, there have been seven fatalities reported and more than 1,000 homes flooded.

An advance team is en route and is expected to arrive this evening. A convoy of disaster relief equipment will depart this afternoon from Operation Blessing's warehouse in Ocala, FL including a construction trailer loaded with tools, a box truck full of volunteer equipment and supplies, a mobile kitchen capable of serving thousands of hot meals each day, while the organization's mobile command center will leave the Operation Blessing warehouse in Chesapeake, VA early tomorrow.

Specializing in disaster relief and logistics, the Operation Blessing team will meet with local emergency management officials and set up a base of operations to coordinate volunteer cleanup efforts beginning on Saturday, April 23. Stay tuned for further updates.

For more information on volunteering 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 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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