



## **Operation Blessing International Responding To Deadly Flooding In Peru**

### **Charity Deploying Safe Water Efforts In Isolated Communities Including Chlorine Generators, Filters & Purification Tablets, Water Backpacks**

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (March 23, 2017) – Operation Blessing International’s Peru branch (OBP) is responding to what Peruvian authorities have deemed as the worst flooding to hit that country in the past two decades. A series of storms has brought intense rains, flooding and landslides that have killed 72 people to date, with many thousands left without shelter or safe water.

Operation Blessing Peru is responding with its staff in Lima, mobilizing volunteers and providing support and logistics to the humanitarian group’s partner organizations including the Red Cross (Cruz Rojo), Alliance Church of Agustine (Alianza Iglesia de Agustino) and Camino de Vida Church.

Starting today, OBP is mobilizing trucks to transport staff and Red Cross teams to reach isolated communities that have been cut off from receiving aid, such as Puente Piedra, Pachamac, Cieneguilla and Santa Rosa. OBP will mobilize four trucks, including two, 5-ton trucks for these efforts and will distribute emergency aid to an estimated 350 families.

In Carapongo, a community of 5,000 people outside of Lima, OBP mobilized dozens of volunteers to help with the cleanup from four mudslides that have left 250 homes either submersed in mud or destroyed completely.

OBP is also attempting to reach other communities that have been isolated by the flooding, including the departments of Trujillo and Chiclayo, which have been without safe water for days.

“Safe water is an extremely critical need right now,” said Sandra Arbaiza, national director of Operation Blessing Peru. “The municipal water supply has been shut off and bottled water supplies have run out. People living in isolated communities have been without water for several days now. Operation Blessing is deploying safe water efforts including SE200 Community Chlorine Maker units, H2g0 portable chlorine units, Kohler Clarity water filters, Aquatab purification tablets, and water backpacks to transport safe water.”

Operation Blessing is a recognized leader in providing safe water to millions of people in some of the harshest conditions imaginable. From disinfecting millions of gallons of water in Haiti after the earthquake and cholera outbreak, to digging thousands of wells in India, to building

municipal water systems in Latin America, Africa and China, OBI has always utilized state of the art equipment and an expertise in hydrology and logistics to provide safe water on a massive scale.

For more information on Operation Blessing, or to donate to the Peru efforts, please visit:  
<https://www.ob.org/disasterrelief>

**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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