Operation Blessing: Resource Guide

Ongoing

Generated November 17, 2026 · 19 open facilities · closed facilities are not listed · call before you go: details change quickly

AL

Operation Blessing International (2011 AL Tornadoes)

Volunteer Camp · Standby

Pratt City, AL

Web www.ob.org/_programs/disaster/disaster_index.asp
Service Temporary

LTel 5/3/11: Facility record is pending additional details

FACEBOOK PAGE: http://www.facebook.com/operationblessingintl?ref=ts

TWITTER: https://twitter.com/#!/operationbless

Services offered: Cleanup, Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies; Heavy Equipment, * (ANY/ALL Types); Heavy Equipment, Crane; Heavy Equipment, Front End Skid Loader; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Meals, On Site Meals Served to Disaster Survivors; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Tools, Chainsaw * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: 2011 Missouri Tornado; Operation Blessing; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is not a member, but is "affiliated")

Updated Jun 14, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8161

Westwood Baptist

Walk–in Resource · Open

Church: Disaster Relief/Recovery

2349 Forestdale Blvd., Pratt City, AL

Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Operation Blessing

Updated Jun 16, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8618

GA

Operation Blessing (Hosted by Assembly of God Tabernacle)

Volunteer Camp · Standby

Disaster Relief/Recovery

Assembly of God Tabernacle; 1580 Agape Way, Decatur, GA 30035

Phone To Volunteer call 757–226–3407
Web www.ob.org
Serves Powder Springs, Decatur & Douglassville, GA
Eligibility Impacted by the 9/09 GA Floods
Service Temporary

5/2/11: Dan Responded. They aren't in Georgia this time around. Alabama only.

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Notes from old disasters:

In response to recent flooding in Atlanta, Ga., Operation Blessing is looking for volunteer teams of 2 or more to help gut flood–damaged homes in the Atlanta area.

Operation Blessing will provide food, lodging and work coordination. Volunteers will be responsible for transportation to and from the work sites.

To volunteer, please register with Operation Blessing by calling 757–226–3407. You can also e–mail us at volunteer @ob.org

Can't volunteer but still want to help? Your gift of $25, $50 or more can help provide immediate relief to families devastated by the floods.

http://www.ob.org/volunteer.asp

The group is gearing up for recovery. VOLUNTEER HOUSING will be available. FREE, but you must work on Operation Blessing work orders. Showers and Kitchen Available. 50 beds, plus the homes of individual parisioners. Volunteers MUST have their own local transportation to/from work sites. Volunteers MUST be in work teams of 2.

9/30/09 GAVOAD ConCall Notes:

Operation Blessing (Jody Herrington)
• Still working from previous 2 locations. Have had about 200 volunteers.
• Special thanks to LDS for outreach to avoid duplication of agency efforts.
• Extending appeal for photos of volunteer flood recovery work to include in Atlanta Braves Foundation slideshow during select games. Email photos to Jody by 5:00 PM today.
• Exploring possibilities for community–level rebuild project with local businesses, if interested contact Jody.

9/29/09 TF phone call with Chris Williams. He says that they are managing clean up crews. All set for supplies right now.

9/28/09 GAVOAD ConCall Notes:

Operation Blessing (Jody Herrington)
• Still doing mud–outs in Powder Springs on Lindsey Dr. Also looking at a neighborhood in need in Decatur.
• Volunteer base camp set up on Agape Way in Decatur at Assembly of God Tabernacle. Point of distribution at Warehouse of Hope in Douglasville.

Services offered: Cleanup, Mud–Out, Muck–Out, Flood Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Facilities: Shower Facilities for Volunteers; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Volunteer Housing (FREE); Kitchen, Kitchen Privileges (For Volunteers); Management, Volunteer Placement; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility); Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; Operation Blessing; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated May 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4526

Haiti

IsraAID – (Cator National Soccer Stadium) 2010 Haiti Earthquake (MEDICAL CLINIC)

Medical Facility · Open

International, Medical Services
Cator National Soccer Stadium; Commune confirmed. Lpar 2/18/11, Port–au–Prince
Web www.israaid.org.il
Serves Haiti
Service Temporary

IsraAID expands its relief operations, as a second medical team departs for Haiti
Haiti, January 22, 2010

IsraAID expands its relief operations, as a second medical team departs for Haiti

Just days after the devastating earthquake hit Haiti, IsraAID/FIRST headed by Dr. Laor relief team was among the first to arrive, immediately providing urgently needed medical care to victims of the disaster. As the tragedy continues to unfold, it will be expanding its relief operations, with a second team that leaves Israel tonight to join the relief efforts already on the ground. The 14 member team headed by Danny Maor includes volunteer doctors, nurses, post–trauma and logistics experts from all across Israel.

IsraAID/FIRST emergency response was able to take place thanks to the generous support of American Jewish Committee, The UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, B'nai B'rith International, The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago in addition to other federations in North America.

Amidst the chaos of the international humanitarian response, word has spread about the successes of the IsraAID medical team operating in partnership with Operation Blessing out of the Sylvio Cator National Soccer Stadium in Port au–Prince. Following rapid assessments, the team decided to position itself in an open–aired stadium where thousands of victims of the earthquake had sought refuge.

While IsraAID/FIRST teams worked around the clock to provide life–saving treatment, several NGOs and medical teams from France and the US joined the relief efforts, bringing the number of medical stations operating simultaneously in the stadium to a total of 14.

The partnerships and pooled resources, orchestrated by IsraAID/FIRST in partnership wiht Operation Blessing, have meant that more locals have access to urgently needed medical care. To date, well over 1,300 people have been treated and several serious cases were transferred to the IDF Field Hospital. Each day over 100 people were treated.

"The scene here is like a war–zone," describes Allan Schneider, an IsraAID member who is currently on the ground in Haiti." After rounding up supplies at the airport – still a chaotic affair -we saw some teams already packing up to leave the country. Our team arrived at the stadium and began to treat the victims. Men, women, and children – a non–ending stream of misery and pain, destitute people who were dealt yet another devastating blow. The fact that our clinic is by now well established, serving as a magnate to local and other international teams who joined our initiative at the stadium, is proof that our mission – to jump into the breach, saving as many lives as possible under the conditions – has been achieved."

IsraAID is currently working in partnership with other international teams to assess the situation in the surrounding hill area and to determine the medical needs on the ground including post–trauma interventions and with the movement of victims to refugee camps the purchase of additional relief items to sustain them.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ISRAAID
PLEASE CONTACT:

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CHAIRPERSON OF ISRAAID

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info @israaid.org.il
Or at: szahavi @hotmail.com.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; First Responder, Carribean Region; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Medical, Equipment, Triage Stations; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Medical, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Medical, Volunteer, First Response, Volunteer Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Volunteer, General, Medical Volunteer Services
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Operation Blessing
Updated Feb 19, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5147

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Info/Hotline · Open

MAIL ADDRESS: P.O. Box 47, Nampa, ID 83653; 112 N. Pilatus Ln.; Nampa, ID 83687; HAITI SITE: MAF Hangar – Port–au–Prince Airport, Port–au–Prince

Phone 800–FLYS–MAF (359–7623)
Web www.maf.org
Service Temporary

Haiti Earthquake 2010

Following the tragic earthquake which struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, MAF's 23–year history in Haiti and knowledge of the land, culture, and language are proving invaluable to outside groups providing aid.

MAF has established a satellite communications center at the Port–au–Prince airport, allowing relief agencies to effectively communicate with those in and outside of Haiti. The MAF hangar has become a logistics point for aid organizations bringing food, water, medicines, and other relief supplies into this devastated country. MAF relief flights transport teams of medical and relief workers to remote areas

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UPDATES –

Ministry Response Transitions to Rebuilding
PORT–AU–PRINCE, Haiti— 03–10–10
http://www.maf.org/news/maf–news/maf–playing–critical–role–in–haiti–food–distribution

Nearly two months following the Jan. 12 earthquake that devastated the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) must continually redefine its role in Haiti. What began as crisis management shifted to food distribution to the Haitian people.

Now the aviation ministry is gearing up for the next phase: to assist with rebuilding the nation's shattered infrastructure and partner with ministries serving in the most remote areas of Haiti.

While these steps trace the usual path following a crisis, each disaster presents its own challenges, according to John Woodberry, MAF Disaster Response manager.

"Disaster response always throws something new at you, so you have to adapt. You can't just respond based on the needs following a previous disaster," said Woodberry, who has led MAF responses to other parts of the world, including efforts after Cyclone Sidr hit Bangladesh (2007).

(Read more on website)...

Transition to Rebuilding, Long–Term Needs
Most of the food now being distributed will become part of food–for–work projects. "Due to the disaster, countless Haitian people have lost their home, job and income. That's where the search comes in for sustainable solutions. "Haitians will be able to work, whether it's building a road, sanitation system or whatever, in exchange for food," Woodberry commented. Schools, clinics and other infrastructure must be rebuilt as well

As road conditions in Haiti improve, "more and more aid is being transported by truck," Woodberry said. This allows the focus of MAF flights to turn from delivering food to transporting missionaries and humanitarian workers to where they're most needed around the country. MAF will likely add more staff and aircraft to its Haiti flight program in order to address the long–term needs.

http://www.maf.org/news/maf–news/maf–assists–harrison–ford–humanitarian–trip

MAF Pilots Brief Acclaimed Actor, Provide Airstrip Chart
PORT–AU–PRINCE, Haiti—02–18–10
MAF pilots recently provided acclaimed actor Harrison Ford with an airstrip chart of the Port–au–Prince airport and offered him a personal briefing at the MAF hangar.

Ford told MAF the information its pilots provided helped him in his humanitarian mission to relieve suffering following the Haiti earthquake. Ford flew from Los Angeles into the capital city's airport in his own aircraft loaded with medical volunteers and supplies to help earthquake–stricken Haiti.

FACEBOOK –
http://www.facebook.com/maf.org#!

http://www.maf.org/news/maf–news3/maf–responds–assists–international–response–to–haiti–earthquake#jIzGvlPdnebdGoZ80gMwHw

Ramping Up to Meet Overwhelming Need
'Full disaster response mode' in Haiti

January 18, 2010 — As the massive humanitarian efforts continue in the earthquake–stricken nation of Haiti, the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) reports its members are in "full disaster response mode," working with the international relief agency, Samaritan's Purse, and others to provide relief to thousands of suffering people. Smaller GA aircraft like those operated by MAF are still not allowed to fly out of Port–au–Prince International Airport, which is under command of the U.S. military, but the organization continues to ready its fleet aircraft based in Haiti to contribute to the mammoth relief efforts in the weeks and months to come.

MAF is ramping up to aid agencies by coordinating the storage, distribution, and transportation of food, water and medical supplies, as well as tarps and water purification systems. A GATR Technologies inflatable satellite terminal at the Port–au–Prince airport will provide reliable Internet and wireless data connectivity, including VOIP (Internet telephone service) to aid organizations.

John Boyd, MAF president, stated in a news release, "MAF has been ministering in Haiti since 1986. We know the country, the culture and the language. This experience and knowledge will be invaluable to groups coming to Haiti to help. What's more, MAF will continue to minister here in the months and years following this disaster."

MAF was one of the dozens of mission aviation and public benefit flying organizations participating in EAA's "Fly for Life" program at AirVenture Oshkosh 2009. Fly For Life shined some much–deserved light on benevolent flying by general aviation with a series of presentations and displays describing those who serve others around the world through flight.

MAF has received many inquiries about volunteering to assist in the relief efforts. Currently, MAF is unable to bring volunteers into Haiti. There may be a later need for those with specific technical skills in logistics and communications, coupled with disaster response experience, so officials ask tha they monitor the MAF website, www.MAF.org, for updates.

How You Can Help:
MAF has set up the "Haiti Disaster and Recovery Fund."
** You can donate here at: http://www.maf.org/donatecart?goMotiv=VVJ0U100&desig_4932=10
** Those in Canada, can go to:
https://mafc.org/donate/haitiearthquake.htm
for donation information.

NBAA Organizes Business Fliers
The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), in response to its members who want to volunteer aircraft, supplies and personnel to support earthquake relief efforts, created www.nbaa.org/haiti. NBAA will continually update the site to provide the latest operational information and help match available assets with people and organizations involved in coordinating missions into Haiti.

Air Care Alliance
The Air Care Alliance, a nationwide league of humanitarian flying organizations, has posted Haiti GA response information on its Relief information page, including links to several organizations' information. Visit www.aircareall.org/relief–info.htm.

VARIETY OF DONATION CHOICES –
Source found:
http://www.maf.org/home/

Adopt a Plane »
You can help an MAF airplane bring desperately needed aid and assistance to needy people in remote places. For only $1 a day you can adopt a plane and help open the doors to the Gospel in places you'll never go.

http://www.maf.org/adopt

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MAF Missionaries »
MAF missionaries face a host of challenges—tropical diseases, homesickness, dangerous weather, separation from loved ones,

and more. Take a moment to learn more about the staff ministering overseas as well as those who support the ministry programs from the MAF headquarters.

http://www.maf.org/staff–sorted

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MAF Gift Shop »
Help Transform Lives!
Every gift item you purchase helps MAF minister around the world.

http://www.mafgiftshop.org/

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MAF Affinity Card »
Support MAF while earning rewards and enjoying exceptionally low rates!

http://www.maf.org/card

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Food Distribution, Emergency/ Disaster Food Distribution; Sanitation, Supplies, Water Treatment/Purification/Filtration Supplies/Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Tarps; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Transportation, Transportation By Air, Delivery, Disaster Supplies; Transportation, Volunteer Transportation (To Volunteer Work Sites/Projects); Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Operation Blessing; Samaritan's Purse
Updated Nov 1, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5193

True Love Live – 2010 Haiti Earthquake

Info/Hotline · Open

Faith–Based Community/Outreach/Development/Disaster Relief/Recovery/Humanitarian Aid
Port–Au–Prince

Web www.truelovelive.org
Checks payable to True Love Live

In partnership with Gospel Fire and A Roof For My Country, True Love Live is helping raise funds to build 8 transitional shelters at Camp Canaan. See the CAT facility records for Camp Canaan and A Roof For My Country at:

https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5472
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6187

In partnership with Do Your Part, True Love Live is providing logistics and delivery of backpacks by allowing their volunteers to pack school supply relief in their luggage when they travel to Haiti, as well as delivering it to orphanages, schools and camps in country.

True Love Live is in the process of securing their non profit status and Do Your Part is their current umbrella during that transition time which allows folks to give a tax deductible donation to support their activities in Haiti.

If you are interested in a volunteer Mission Trip, please contact Sarah Dean, Volunteer Coordinator at:

sarahdean89 @sbcglobal.net

Services offered: Donations, Disaster Fund; Services, Logistics Support; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; A Roof For My Country (Un Techo Para Mi Pais); Do Your Part; Generosity Water; Operation Blessing
Updated Aug 23, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6020

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2 Life 18 Foundation

Info/Hotline · Open

U.S. ADDR: 1155 Camino Del Mar, Ste. 418; Del Mar, CA 92014; HAITI

Phone 858–345–2518
Web www.2Life18.org
Service Temporary

We are coordinating our relief efforts with these leading teams: J/P HRO, 1st and Alton, C.A.R.E and LifeGivingForce that are on the ground in Haiti. We believe that they are making a huge difference in the immediate areas of critical medical care, clean water, food, shelter and air transportation and that they are committed to the long–term rebuilding of Haiti. In addition, we continue to support the many grassroots efforts and other non–governmental organizations (NGOs) that are coordinating vital relief programs within Haiti, these include: Artists for Peace and Justice, American Red Cross, Angel Wings International, International Medical Assistance Team, Partners in Health, CARE Haiti, CDTI Hospital, Christ Fellowship Church, Compassion Alliance, Convoy of Hope, Fishers of Men, Enfants Entraide, Free the Children, GLOBAL D.I.R.T., Giving Children Hope, Haiti Clinic, Hope for Haiti, IsraAID, IDF, Les Petits Freres et Petits Soeurs de l'Incarnation, Medishare, Missionary Flights International, Morningstar Christian Academy, Operation Blessing, Project Cure, Reach Out to Haiti, Association Cabral Developpement, Helping Hand Mission Organization and many other local organizations.

We are also continuing to coordinate relief and rescue efforts with the Government of Haiti, The State Department, The US Embassy in Haiti, U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and key members of Congress and other foreign governments and many multinational companies including The Hain Celestial Group, Nika Water Company, LifeGivingForce and others that continue to support our efforts for the long–term rebuilding of Haiti.

CHOLERA EPIDEMIC
In supporting this effort is Project Medishare, Partners in Health and J/P HRO, we are pooling resources and we will have a cargo plane leaving Monday/Tuesday from Miami if anyone needs some air lift please contact Michael Rettig at mrettig@gotlift.org, he might still have some space to get critical supplies that the MoH and PIH are requesting from us. Anyone with excess drugs, IV's and cleaning supplies please let us know so we can coordinate a full shipment by air and subsequent shipments by sea.

Services offered: Transportation, Transportation By Air, Delivery, Disaster Supplies; Transportation, Volunteer Transportation (To Volunteer Work Sites/Projects)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti, Hurricane Tomas; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; CARE–International; Convoy of Hope; Global D.I.R.T; International Medical Assistance Team (IMAT); israAID; J/P HRO (J/P Haitian Relief Organization); Life Giving Force; Operation Blessing; Partners in Health (PIH); Project Medishare
Updated Dec 14, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6598

Operation Blessing International (2010 Haiti Earthquake Response) – (DIST: FOOD/ WATER)

Supply POD · Open

Faith–Based, Non–Profit, Disaster Relief/Humanitarian

Phone	757–226–3401
Contact	Director of international disaster relief, David Darg (per Deborah)
Email	deborah.bensen@ob.org
Web	community.ob.org/site/PageServer
Serves	Haiti
Checks payable to	Operation Blessing International
Service	Temporary

FROM RELIEF WEB:

OPERATION BLESSING INTERNATIONAL PREPARING FOR HURRICANE STRIKE IN HAITI
Source: Operation Blessing International
Date: 02 Nov 2010

With 1 Million People Still Living In Tents, Plus Current Cholera Outbreak, Storm Has Potential To Be Extremely Devastating, Says Bill Horan

Port au Prince, Haiti (November 2, 2010) – Operation Blessing International (OBI) is preparing for a possible hurricane strike later this week as Tomas spins nearer to the island nation. Current National Hurricane Center predictions show the storm intensifying as it passes southeast of Jamaica and then turns north directly towards Haiti later this week.

Bill Horan, president of Operation Blessing International, says, "If Tomas strikes Haiti as a major hurricane, this has the potential to be one of the biggest disasters in recent memory. There are over one million vulnerable people living in tents, and there's also an outbreak of cholera – which would only escalate as torrential rains cause flooding, spread disease and contaminate drinking water. It's unfathomable to think what might happen."

To prepare for this storm, Operation Blessing International has mobilized its disaster relief team in Haiti. Today, David Darg, international disaster relief director for the charity, readied a WMI water purification plant for deployment on a truck so that it can be sent to the hardest hit area within hours of the storm. The unit is able to produce up to 10,000 gallons of clean drinking water each day. OBI currently operates 33 WMI purification units in and around Port–au–Prince as well as in areas hit by recent cholera outbreak.

The team also prepared a number of portable family–sized water purifiers and other supplies including tarps and non–perishable food. Depending on the path of the storm, the team will be staged in either Port au Prince or Jacmel.

OBI is also continuing its efforts to combat the cholera outbreak. One of the first responders in the St. Marc region, the team has deployed five WMI water purification plants including three in remote villages that were using the contaminated river for drinking water, one unit that was flown by a UN helicopter to another remote village last Thursday, and one installed yesterday in St Marc's central hospital at the request of Partners In Health, who is managing the outbreak on behalf of the Haiti Ministry of Health. OBI has also distributed dozens of Lifesaver Jerry cans in the area.

10/22/10:
Update from Operation Blessing on the Cholera Outbreak in Haiti

Bill Horan, Haiti Country Director for Operation Blessing, forwarded the below account just after midnight by OB staffer David Darg. Operation Blessing is one of Partners in Health's most generous and reliable partners. "When we need something done, we call Operation Blessing," as my husband Jim says.

We woke to some disturbing news today. Our friends at Partners in Health emailed to say that there were people arriving at St. Marc hospital in droves, sick with diarrhea and that people were dying from dehydration at an alarming rate. The question was clear, could Operation Blessing mobilize to provide clean water to an area suspected of having Haiti's first major cholera outbreak in decades.

Our staff immediately began loading our trucks with equipment and supplies, just two days ago we responded to emergency flooding near Leogane so the drill was fresh in our minds. During the 2 hour drive to St. Marc the details began to emerge of what was unfolding in the region. Email traffic on my phone was showing the death toll climbing steadily while there was still speculation as to what was causing the sickness. Many of us suspected Cholera but some of our Haitian staff had heard rumors on the radio that villagers had been made sick through contaminated sea food. There was definitely an air of nervous tension amongst the staff.

We arrived at St Marc hospital to a horror scene. I had to fight my way though the gate as a huge crowd of worried relatives stood outside while others were screaming for access as they carried dying relatives into the compound. The inside of the courtyard was lined with patients hooked up to IV drips. It had just rained and there were people lying on soggy sheets on the ground half soaked with rain, half soaked with feces. Children were screaming and writhing in agony, others were motionless with their eyes rolled into the back of their heads as doctors and nursing staff searched desperately for a vein to give them an IV. The hospital was overwhelmed, caught suddenly by one of the fastest killers there is, Cholera (still to be confirmed).

Our friend, Cate Oswald, from Partners In Health came out from one of the triage tents clutching a hand drawn map. It showed the local river and had the names of a few communities where the patients had been coming from. Cate and some PIH staff loaded into a vehicle and led us into the countryside to find the source of the epidemic.

Soon we were heading down narrow dirt roads with rice paddies and canals on either side. The crisis had actually started yesterday but had only really come to light last night when doctors realized it was getting serious. By then the villagers had heard of the deaths and word spread quickly not to drink water from the river. Most people had stopped drinking the river water and had gone thirsty for hours. The roads were lined with villagers holding buckets, begging for water. Some larger groups of villagers had set up road blocks and our convoy was forced to stop and explain that we didn't have water, only equipment to purify water and we were only heading to the source of the problem. The villagers reluctantly let us pass and we pressed on.

People were constantly trying to flag us down and pointing to sick friends and relatives. One group forced us to stop and had a girl seriously close to death. The PIH staff quickly started her on an IV and placed her in their vehicle. Her mother, clutching another baby, explained that her husband had died yesterday and asked us to save her daughter; Cate and the PIH staff did save her.

We arrived at the place where many of the patients had originated from, a small dusty community called Babou La Port. The Operation Blessing team immediately went into action setting up our water purification system. The key to the unit is that it filters and chlorinates, which ensures that any bacteria or diseases are killed in the water. As we worked the PIH team asked the community to split into two groups, those who felt ok and those who felt sick. The huge group of people began to split with sick villagers of all ages congregating under the shade of some large trees.

The medical staff placed IV's in some critical patients. One of them, a boy named Frantz, was bought to us by his grandmother. He was weak and vomiting. His grandmother was frail and could only point to the river when we asked her how long Frantz had been ill. The unfortunate reality in this part of the world is that diarrhea is a common and frequent problem. But a villager with Cholera might lay down upon feeling ill expecting to get better as they often do, and be dead within hours.

Convoys of trucks plastered with the posters of various presidential candidates paraded on the dirt roads in the area. Many of the candidates saw this as an opportunity to campaign. They were tossing out small plastic bags of water to the desperate crowds, there were fights for the water and one man was crushed under one of their trucks in the scuffle.

Our filtration unit fired up and word spread quickly that there was water available. Soon a sea of multi colored buckets surrounded us. Villagers were appearing from every direction desperate to get drinking water. The tap stand was quickly surrounded and water flowed. There were no cheers and little laughter; most of the villagers there were stunned, afraid and weak. They were just relieved to have access to water. Every so often a villager would thank us in a gentle voice.

The system kept pumping clean water and night began to set in. I asked our Haitian staff if any of them would be willing to stay with the system overnight and keep it operating. It was a daunting challenge, to stay awake surrounded by deadly disease and desperate villagers but the staff stepped up to the challenge. Tonight there are OB Haiti staff members operating the water system giving life saving water to thousands and thousands of people in the midst of a horrific epidemic.

Confident that the system was in good hands we set back to St Marc. Back at the hospital in St Marc not much had changed, other than the death toll. As I write this the confirmed death toll is 135 and rising with thousands more infected. Tonight there were still patients being carried into the hospital close to death. Now however the cries of the mothers are louder and there were even more people at the gates desperate to hear news of their loved ones. The hospital is struggling to cope with such a sudden influx of patients especially considering that it is still recuperating from the January earthquake.

The last time I saw anything like this was a cholera outbreak in Bihar India in 2007. Now Cholera seems to have flared in Haiti to compound the misery of the earthquake and floods. The scenes I saw at St Marc reminded me of Port Au Prince after the earthquake: patients lying in the streets, doctors struggling to cope, mass hysteria and fatigue.

This morning at the hospital my friend Dr Koji from Partners in Health shook my hand and said "Let's stop this". The only way to stop a disease like Cholera is to stop people from getting contaminated, primarily through unclean water. Thanks to Operation

Blessing the hardest hit areas now have access to safe water and thanks to Partners in Health, treatment is available for those who are already sick. Together we are doing all we can to “Stop This” and we can only do it thanks to your support. Thank you.

http://www.aerdo.net/blog/?p=516

Operation Blessing Intl.

Operation Blessing International has mobilized hdqtr staff to Port au Prince who will be arriving on Thursday, Jan 14th, to assist in assessment and emergency response. Our in–country director is safe though his house was destroyed. We have not yet been able to reach our Haiti HIV/AIDS grants director, Jean Marc Zamor.

OBI’s director of international disaster relief, David Darg, will arrive on Thursday. For more information, visit www.ob.org. Contact info is deborah.bensen@ob.org, 757–226–3440

from website:

OBI teams are en route to the quake zone in Haiti to assess damage and strategize relief efforts. Help Haiti’s victims now with a donation of $25 or more.

Donations –
https://secure.ob.org/site/Donation2?4020.donation=form1&df_id=4020

Calling Us
Operation Blessing's main number: 757–226–3401
For media inquiries or materials call 757–226–3440
To make a charitable donation to Operation Blessing via the telephone call toll free 1–800–730–2537
To volunteer with Operation Blessing, please contact OBI's volunteer coordinator at 757–226–3407

To donate excess products through our "Gifts–In–Kind" program please
call 1–800–436–6348.

Operation Blessing International Relief and Development Corporation is headquartered in Virginia, USA, and provides on–going humanitarian relief on a daily basis in 22 countries around the world. Since 1978, OBI has reached more than 202.7 million people in 105 countries and all 50 states providing hunger relief, medical aid, disaster relief, fresh water, orphan care and more.

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http://www.facebook.com/notes/operation–blessing–international/haiti–quake–victims–need–your–help/271593778948

http://twitter.com/operationbless

Services offered: CHOLERA Epidemic Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Supplies, International Distribution of Supplies; First Responder, Carribean Region; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food, Non–Perishable Food * (ANY/ALL Types of Canned, Dry, Drinks, Snacks); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Jerrycans (Fuel/Water Container); Medical, Services, International Medical Services; Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Volunteer, First Response, Volunteer Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Sanitation, Supplies, Water Treatment/Purification/ Filtration Supplies/Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Tarps; Water, Drinking Water, Safe, Clean, Purified Water
Campaigns: 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti, Hurricane Tomas; Operation Blessing; Partners in Health (PIH)
Updated Nov 7, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4906

ID

Mission Aviation Fellowship – MAF

Info/Hotline · Open

P.O. Box 47; Nampa, 83653; 112 N. Pilatus Ln., Nampa, ID 83687

Phone 208) 498–0800 | Tel: 800–FLYS–MAF (359–7623
Web www.maf.org
Service Temporary

2010 HAITI EARTHQUAKE

02–11–10—MAF remains at the center of international rescue, relief and recovery efforts following the Jan. 12 earthquake that struck Port–au–Prince. The following are first–hand accounts from the front lines:

http://www.maf.org/news/maf–news3/personal–reports–from–maf–staff–in–haiti

MAF, Operation Blessing Working Together for Haiti Relief
Ministries Deliver Aid, Get Medical Help to Quake Victims
NAMPA, Idaho—02–04–10—For years, MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) and Operation Blessing (OBI) have served together in

disaster zones around the world. Now, once again, MAF is assisting the Virginia Beach, Va.–based evangelical relief ministry's efforts following one of the worst earthquakes to hit the Western hemisphere.

Following the tragic earthquake which struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, MAF's 23–year history in Haiti and knowledge of the land, culture, and language are proving invaluable to outside groups providing aid.

MAF has established a satellite communications center at the Port–au–Prince airport, allowing relief agencies to effectively communicate with those in and outside of Haiti. The MAF hangar has become a logistics point for aid organizations bringing food, water, medicines, and other relief supplies into this devastated country. MAF relief flights transport teams of medical and relief workers to remote areas.

MAIN RECORD IN HAITI AT:
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5193

Services offered: Transportation, Transportation By Air, Delivery, Disaster Supplies
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Operation Blessing
Updated Feb 11, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5333

Japan

Operation Blessing (2011 Japan Eathquake/Tsunami)

Medical Facility · Open

Service Temporary

FROM EMAIL –

in Japan, as hundreds of families pass week after week in temporary shelters while cleanup efforts continue, the frustration of doing without the basic comforts of everyday life is beginning to build. Many have returned to their homes to gather personal belongings—only to find they'd been completely stolen by the sea.

That's why OBI has made such a concerted effort to help restore as much of a sense of normalcy as possible for Japan's families. So far that's included:
View the latest photos from our Japan relief efforts

* Delivering large shipments of rice, the mainstay of most families' daily diets
* Holding eyeglass clinics to provide thousands of prescription and reading glasses, one of the most common items lost in the tsunami
* Shipping in custom–built generators to the Urato Islands, which were without power for weeks after the tsunami
* Providing sorely–needed washing machines and a refrigerator to Sabusawa Island and Nonojima Island

FROM RELIEF WEB:

Operation Blessing International preparing to deploy medical team to Japan from
BLOG –
March 14, 2011
http://www.myowneyes.org/smell–of–fear–hangs–heavy/

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Philippines office

Source: Operation Blessing International
Date: 11 Mar 2011

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (March 11, 2011) Operation Blessing International (OBI), the 6th largest international humanitarian organization and first responder to many major disasters, is preparing to deploy a medical team to Japan from the charity's Manila office.

The leader of the team is Dr. Kim Pascual, executive vice president and chief operating officer for Operation Blessing Philippines. Dr. Kim has led the organization's crisis response teams in Iraq, Indonesia, Philippines and various other areas of the world. Joining the Operation Blessing team will be members of IsraAid, an Israeli humanitarian organization that OBI has partnered with for earthquake relief in Haiti in 2010. The Operation Blessing–IsraAid teams are currently staging at the Operation Blessing Philippines office located in Manila, preparing their gear and supplies until they are ready to deploy in the coming days.

OBI is also poised to send medical and humanitarian relief supplies from locations in the U.S.A. either by ship or aircraft, and possibly deploy additional personnel from the Philippines and other locations into the hard–hit area.

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 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 fifth year in a row (2009), a feat that only 4% 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.

Operation Blessing has worked extensively in the Philippines for over a decade. Under the direction of Dr. Kim Pascual, the charity has earned the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) of the Year by the Philippines government four times in recent years.

Services offered: Donations, Disaster Fund; First Responder, Asia; Medical, Services, Emergency Medical Services; Medical, Services, Eyecare Services; Medical, Services, Eye Exams; Medical, Services, International Medical Services; Medical, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Water, ** Bottles, Single Servings, Cases (ANY/ALL cases of single serve sizes)
Campaigns: 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; InterAction; Operation Blessing
Updated Apr 27, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7717

LA

Operation Blessing (ACF Outreach) Command Center – 2012 HURRICANE ISAAC (supply sites, updated Sunday 9/2)

Info/Hotline · Open

7451 West Saint Bernard Highway, Arabi, LA

Phone Volunteer: 757-374-0944 / For Volunteer Clean Up Assistance: 757-274-8650
Web reliefweb.int/report/united-states-america/operation-blessing-intl-deploys-disaster-relief-team-new-orleans
Serves Plaquemines Parish & St. Bernards Parish, Louisiana
Service Temporary

Operation Blessing International is offering aid to storm victims at two locations:

* Living Cornerstone, 714 W. St. Bernard Parkway, Braithwaite, will offer hot/cold showers as well as work request for aid placing tarps on damaged roofs, debris removal and chain saw services.

* ACF Outreach-Operation Blessing Command Center, 7451 W. St. Bernard Highway, Arabi, will offer daily lunch at noon and dinner at 6 p.m. and work request for aid placing tarps on damaged roofs, debris removal and chain saw services.

Source: www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2012/08/la_national_guard_opens_27_foo.html

excerpt from website OB website:

Today, OBI team members will assess damage in Plaquemines Parish, the hardest hit area. They have also been asked by the State EOC to serve hot meals in St. Bernard Parish, so they will be setting up their mobile kitchen, which is capable of serving 2,000 hot meals per day. Serving meals will start today at 6 pm.

The OBI team on the ground currently includes a number of staff and equipment including a mobile command center, mobile kitchen, 2 construction trailers full of supplies, tools and clean-up supplies for over 100 volunteers, 1 Skid Steer for debris removal, a supply truck full of tarps, roofing supplies, 100 cots, ready-to-eat meals and water, a shower trailer, and an 80 KW generator. A 20-foot crane and CAT 924 loader have been deployed and will arrive on the ground tomorrow. In addition to this equipment, OBI also has an 18-ton crane, skid steer and a 20 Cubic Yard Dump Truck that can be deployed from the organization's three national warehouses (Chesapeake, VA, Ocala, FL, and Grand Prairie, TX) if needed.

As part of its "Need Help/Want Help" program, Operation Blessing International will provide free volunteer labor to local residents who need assistance with the following services: blue roof tarps, debris removal, or chainsaw work. Residents can fill out work order requests either by calling 757-274-8650 or go to the ACF Outreach-Operation Blessing command center at 7451 West Saint Bernard Highway in Arabi.

OBI, which specializes in mass volunteer management, will be calling for volunteers shortly to take part in relief efforts including debris removal, roof repair, and more. OBI will also begin accepting work requests (for free) from local homeowners whose houses were damaged. Please stay tuned for more information, or log on to www.ob.org for the latest information. Anyone interested in volunteering can call 757-374-0944.

POST FROM St. Bernard Parish website:

OPERATION BLESSING INTL. DEPLOYS DISASTER RELIEF TEAM TO PLAQUEMINES AND ST. BERNARD PARISHES Outreach Center at 7451 West Saint Bernard Highway in Arabi.

Operation Blessing International, one of the largest international humanitarian organizations, has deployed its domestic disaster relief team to the greater New Orleans area following Hurricane Isaac.

Under the leadership of Jody Herrington-Gettys, Director of U.S. Disaster Relief, the OBI team pre-staged staff and equipment in Hattiesburg, MS in advance of the storm. Since the beginning of the storm, Herrington-Gettys has been speaking with local and national emergency management officials in addition to its network of nearly 300 partner organizations throughout the region to determine the area of greatest need. Based on those reports, OBI set up a base of operations for equipment and volunteer housing in St. Bernard Parish last night.

Source: http://hamptonroads.com/2012/08/operation-blessing-sends-relief-team-gulf-area-after-isaac-0

Operation Blessing International has sent a disaster relief team to the New Orleans area to help with damage assessment, meal distribution and other efforts following Hurricane Isaac.

Workers planned to serve up to 2,000 hot meals to residents in St. Bernard Parish on Thursday.

The Virginia Beach–based organization has construction trailers, supplies, cots, a shower trailer, a generator and other items to help with relief and cleanup efforts.

Those interested in helping can visit www.ob.org or call 757 374–0944.

Services offered: Cleanup, Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Disaster Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Cleanup, Mud–Out, Muck–Out, Flood Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, * Volunteer Services (ANY/ALL Types); Heavy Equipment, * (ANY/ALL Types); Heavy Equipment, Crane; Heavy Equipment, Skid Steers; Management, Volunteer Management Resources; Meals, Mobile Kitchen Trailor Unit; Meals, Mobile Meals, Disaster Survivors (Available To); Meals, MRE's, MRE, Meals–Ready–To–Eat; Roofing Materials * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Showers, Mobile Shower Trailor Unit; Tarps; Vehicle, Truck, Dump Truck; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility)
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Isaac; Operation Blessing
Updated Sep 4, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9284

Operation BBQ Relief – 2012 HURRICANE ISAAC (Operations End Sun. 9/9/12)

Info/Hotline · Standby

HQ Address:; 2001 North 7 Hwy., Suite A; Box 137; Pleasant Hill, MO 64080, LaPlace & Braithwaite, LA
Phone see website
Web operationbbqrelief.org
Service Temporary

This operation shuts down on Sun. 9/9/12 (LTel)

2012 HURRICANE ISAAC –

Volunteer Information

We need volunteers at Operation BBQ Relief. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please email info @ operationbbqrelief.org or register on our registration page.

You can also help by donating.

FACEBOOK –
http://www.facebook.com/OperationBBQRelief

facebook post:

Operation BBQ Relief
Wednesday.
Operation BBQ Relief needs volunteers and a couple cookers for our Plaquamine Parish location at 714 St Bernard Pkwy, Braithwaite, LA for Thursday – Sunday! We are in the staging area now for all first responders waiting to get in to the flooded area of E Plaquamine Parish. We need 4–5 people to help season, cook and pull the protein in this location. Email info@operationbbqrelief.org if can can volunteer and if you can bring a smoker.
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Isaac; Operation Blessing
Updated Sep 17, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9307

MN

VOAD (MNVOAD – Voluntary Organization Active In Disaster)

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD
P.O. Box 130261, Roseville, MN 55113
Web www.mnvoad.org
Service Temporary

Duluth Area Flooding June 20, 2012

June 20th, 2012

MNVOAD members are being updated regarding the Duluth flooding situation. There have been approximately 250 people from 80 homes evacuated so far. More rain is expected; the prediction is for record breaking flooding. Clean up and other recovery assistance will be needed in the upcoming days and weeks. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

MNVOAD MEMBERS:

Adventist Disaster Response
American Baptist Men

American Radio Relay League
American Red Cross
Arrowhead VOAD
Catholic United Response
Channel One, Inc.
Christian Reformed World Relief – Disaster Response Services
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints
Church of the Brethren ~ Disaster Ministries
Church World Service
Civil Air Patrol~Minnesota Wing
Freeborn County Crisis Response Team
Green Cross, Inc
Headwaters Relief Organization
Hope for the City
Lutheran Disaster Response
Mennonite Disaster Service
Minnesota Animal Disaster Coalition
Minnesota Disaster Relief
Minnesota Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Mangement
Minnesota Horse Council
Minnesota Search & Rescue Dog Association
Minnesota/Wisconsin Baptist Convention Disaster Relief
Nazerene Disaster Response
NECHAMA – Jewish Response to Disaster
North American Center for Emergency Communications
Operation Blessing International
Paws for Learning, Inc
Salvation Army
Second Harvest Heartland
Steele County CAER
United Church of Christ
United Methodist Church
United Way / 2–1–1
Washington County Emergency Management
World Vision

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Member–at–Large

Jill Hallonquist, American Red Cross - Twin Cities Chapter

Member–at–Large

Vacant

Member–at–Large

Debra Davis–Moody, Adventist Community Services/Disaster Response

Member–at–Large

Nancy Beers, Lutheran Social Services

HSEM Representative
Dennis Walter, Voluntary Resource Coordinator
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Baptist Men Disaster Relief; American Radio Relay League, Inc.; American Red Cross; Church of the Brethren Disaster Response; CWS ~ Church World Service; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; LDS ~ Lutheran Disaster Services; Lutheran Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Nazarene Disaster Response; NECHAMA (Jewish Response To Disaster); Operation Blessing; Salvation Army; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; United Methodist Church; United Way; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services; World Vision
Updated Jun 21, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9177

MS

International Relief and Development – (IRD) Gulf Coast Community Services Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Disaster Recovery/Community
1223 30th Ave Gulfport, MS 39501, Gulfport, MS 39501

Phone	(228) 864–6677
Contact	IRD, Gulf Coast Community Services Center
Web	www.ird.org
Hours	Mon – Fri, 8:00–5:00
Serves	Harrison, Hancock only
Eligibility	Varies depending on programs. Please see notes.
Bring	Please call for more information
Checks payable to	IRD US
Service	Permanent

U.S. Gulf Coast — September 12, 2008 — As Hurricane Ike bears down on the Gulf Coast, IRD is preparing to provide case management and other assistance to those in its path. Staff from IRD's Gulfport–based Gulf Coast Community Service Center is already in Baton Rouge to assist with Gustav response. drawing on the experience from providing case management services to victims of Hurricane Katrina for the past three years.

Your donation will help us bring emergency relief to the victims of this disaster.

The IRD Gulf Coast Community Service Center (GCCSC) has been rebuilding the lives of the citizens of the Mississippi Gulf Coast since October 2005, opening its doors a little more than one month following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. The goal of the Center is to reach out to the community and assist in the organization and facilitation of an often–difficult recovery process. Located in West Gulfport, the Center serves the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast, representing most of the Coastal cities as well as the three Coastal counties.

The GCCSC began it work on the Gulf Coast by administering emergency relief, but has transitioned its services to focus on sustainable, long–term recovery. The Center was one of the first agencies in the area administering needs assessments and mapping the most affected areas. The goal of the multi–faceted needs assessment and community mapping process conducted by the Center was to identify potential applicants for assistance following the hurricane. As the recovery cycle progressed from assessing needs to managing needs on an individual basis, the GCCSC has changed its focus to assisting citizens in need through case management. Case managers facilitate the recovery process for survivors by identifying ways to maximize their access to community resources.

The Center hosts a walk–in center for assessments administered by the Harrison County Long Term Recovery Coalition (LTRC), and has developed a resource guide printed by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide to other relief agencies as a reference.

The Center also provides financial counseling to hurricane victims and MDA Phase II grant recipients seeking to purchase or rebuild homes through funding from the Enterprise Corporation of the Delta. This counseling not only prepares beneficiaries for homeownership, but gives them tools for long–term financial security. And in partnership with the Mennonite Economic Development Association (MEDA), the Center will create and manage a micro–enterprise capital fund which will finance start–up

businesses along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Additionally, the GCCSC will support the development of an open–air market in its Gulfport neighborhood.

IRD also participates in YouthBuild, a program that provides comprehensive programs for vocational development, workforce training and career counseling with Gulf Coast youth. YouthBuild teaches local at–risk high school students how to assist in rebuilding homes while helping them get their GED.

Helping people rebuild their lives, their relationships, and their sense of self–sufficiency, is equally as important to their long–term recovery and that of their communities as their physical needs. It is the human side of recovery that the GCCSC addresses, for thousands of Katrina survivors.

Services:

1)Case management for Katrina survivors. Eligibility: affected by the hurricane and still have unmet needs

2) Fincancial Counseling. Eligibility: Open to everyone

3) Housing Counseling. Eligibility: Open to everyone

4) Youth Build Program will start in January. Eligibility: youth ages 16 to 24 who do not have a high school diploma/GED

Applications are still being accepted for Katrina survivors and programs. To obtain an application: Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 3:00

Services offered: Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Animals, Rescue, Disaster Response Teams, Pets, Volunteer; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Case Management, Disabled/Handicapped; Case Management, Hurricane Survivors; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Case Management, Seniors/Elders; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Disaster Damage Assessments for Disaster Managers; Financial Assistance, Case Management for Financial Matters; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Post Disaster (For Rent/Belongings/Home Repairs/Rebuilding, etc.); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Support for "All" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Construction Skills Training; Training Classes, Education, 1st Time Home Buyer Education; Training Classes, GED Preparation; Training Classes, Vocational; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Ike; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Americorp VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America); Catholic Charities; Catholic Charities Social Services; Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort; CWS ~ Church World Service; Gifts in Kind; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Habitat For Humanity; Hands On Gulf Coast; Hands On Network; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Lutheran Episcopal Services of Mississippi; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Operation Blessing; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Salvation Army; Samaritan's Purse; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; UMCOR Relief Network; United Methodist Disaster Response; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); Volunteers of America; World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services; World Vision; YMCA/YWCA
Updated Jan 27, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1790

NC

Citi Impact Ministries (Head Quarters)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Faith–based, Non–Profit, Disaster Relief
Charlotte Metro Church; 375 Robinson Rd, Mooresville, NC 28117
Phone 704–507–6579
Web citiimpact.giving.officelive.com/default.aspx
Service Temporary

FEEDING STATIONS deployed to hurricane.
Posted on August 26, 2011 by citiimpact

FEEDING STATIONS deployed to hurricane. #irene #citiimpact
Bring food & supplies & serve with us.
http://citiimpact.wordpress.com/

FACEBOOK –
https://www.facebook.com/CitiIMPACT.Ministries

Tuscaloosa Tornado relief –
http://www.citiimpact.org/our–work/natural–disasters

5/23/11 from Facebook:

CitiIMPACT will be coordinating efforts today, working with our partners, to get supplies and first responders in the area ASAP. Any of you first responders close enough to deploy?

National Office & Regional Offices –
http://campuscrusadeforchrist.com/contact–us/campus–crusade–campus–ministry–offices

Services offered: Adopt, Churches to Adopt Another Church; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Facilities: Bathroom Facilities (For Volunteers); Facilities: Shower Facilities for Volunteers; First Responder, MidWest Region; Housing, Volunteer Housing ($ NOT FREE); Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Response; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Fay; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Mercy Medical Airlift; Operation Blessing; World Vision
Updated Aug 26, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1096

OK

VOAD (VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER), State of OKLAHOMA

Info/Hotline · Open

c/o Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; PO Box 53365, Oklahoma City, OK 73152

Phone 405–521–2481
Web www.okvoad.org
Serves Oklahoma, State of
Service Temporary

No site updates for the Aug. 2012 Oklahoma Wildfires

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2012 Oklahoma – Wildfires; 211 (Affiliation: 211 (choose this ONLY for actual 211 operations); ACTS World Relief; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Baptist Men Disaster Relief; American Radio Relay League, Inc.; American Red Cross; Billy Graham Rapid Response Team; Christian Churches Disciples of Christ; Church of the Brethren Disaster Response; Citizen Corps; CityTeam; Convoy of Hope; CWS ~ Church World Service; Feeding America; Feed The Children; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Habitat For Humanity; Hands On Disaster Response; Hands On Network; Hope Coalition America (A Division of Operation Hope); Humane Society of the United States, The; International Relief & Development (IRD); LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; Lutheran Disaster Response; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Medical Reserve Corps; Mennonite Disaster Service; Mercy Medical Airlift; Nazarene Disaster Response; Noah's Wish; Operation Blessing; REACT International; Salvation Army; Samaritan's Purse; Save The Children; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief; Tzu Chi Foundation; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; United Methodist Church; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Hope International; World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services; World Vision
Updated Aug 9, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9251

TX

Nechama Jewish Response To Disaster (Hurricane Ike Deployment Operations)

Volunteer Camp · Standby

Faith–Based Disaster Recovery & Relief
SEE NOTES, Bridge City, TX

Phone To Volunteer: 763–732–0610
Web www.nechama.org/Happening_Now.html
Serves Bridge City, Orange, Tx
Eligibility Impacted by Hurricane Ike
Service Temporary

Hurricane Ike Deployment Starting October 5th

NECHAMA Volunteers ––

Seth Gardner, Nechama Director of Operations, returned Saturday from investigating the damage from Hurricane Ike and NECHAMA has decided to deploy in response. We will be launching a month–long deployment to Orange County in SE Texas, working mostly in the towns of Orange and Bridge City. As we have done in our previous deployments to New Orleans, we will be partnering with Operation Blessing, who will again be providing food and lodging for our teams.

We will be running week long deployments, with volunteers arriving on Sunday and departing on either Friday or Saturday morning.

The weeks of deployment will be:

Week 1: October 5th – 10th/11th (Because Oct. 9th is Yom Kippur, we will NOT be working that day)

Week 2: October 12th – 17th/18th

Week 3: October 19th – 24th/25th

Week 4: October 26th – 31st/Nov 1st

Please contact Amy Cytron at acytron@nechama.org or 763–732–0610 if you would like to volunteer or have questions. Contact by email is preferred.

The people of SE Texas need your help! We look forward to seeing you in the field.

Contact information for Seth Gardner:

cellphone: 612–910–7152

email: sgardner@nechama.org

Services offered: Cleanup, Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, House Gutting, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Mud–Out, Muck–Out, Flood Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, * Volunteer Services (ANY/ALL Types); Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: Operation Blessing
Updated Sep 26, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3774

VA

Operation Blessing International – HQ [supply depots]

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit International Faith Based Disaster Relief
977 Centerville Turnpike, Virginia Beach, VA 23463

Phone	757–226–3401 / to volunteer 757.226.3407
Web	www.ob.org
Serves	Worldwide
Checks payable to	Operation Blessing International
Service	Permanent

Hurricane Helene:

Operation Blessing: This group works with emergency management and local churches to bring clean water, food, medicine and more supplies to people with immediate needs in disaster areas. Donate to their Helene fund on their website.

source: https://eu.statesman.com/story/weather/hurricane/2024/09/27/hurricane–helene–how–help–victims–relief–organizations–charities/75412916007/

FACEBOOK –
https://www.facebook.com/operationblessingintl

HURRICANE SANDY: OPERATION BLESSING PREPARES
DOMESTIC DISASTER RELIEF TEAM IN VIRGINIA

Group Will Pre–Stage In Virginia Beach In Case Local Effort
Needed, With Eye To The North

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (October 26, 2012) – The domestic disaster
relief team of Operation

Blessing International (OBI) is preparing for relief efforts
as Hurricane Sandy sets its course on the East Coast.

The team is pre–staging equipment, staff and supplies at its Virginia Beach headquarters in case relief efforts are needed in the Hampton Roads area, with the possibility of a deployment in the north should that be needed. The equipment includes:

––Mobile Kitchen – Capacity to feed approx. 2,000 meals per day with enough provisions on board for 6,000 meals before new supplies are needed
––Mobile Command Center with communication technology such as VHF radio, satellite,
satellite news feed, and a base of operations for the team
––2 Construction Trailers with tools and safety equipment to equip our construction foremen and volunteers with the tools needed for debris removal, tarping roofs, flood clean–up and gutting homes
––Box Truck with 100 cots, tarps and firing strips for 50 homes, water, MREs, and kerosene
heaters
––CAT 924 Loader for debris removal
––100 heaters in the event that cold weather comes in during power outages
––OBI's fleet of Semi–Trailer Trucks (75 trailers and 18 power units) from its Hunger Strike force are also standing by and will be utilized as needed
––Shower Trailer for volunteers

The team, under the direction of Jody Herrington–Gettys, director of U.S. disaster relief, will monitor the storm over the weekend and decide on Sunday where to deploy based on the projected track of the storm. "Our first priority is to serve the Hampton Roads community," said Herrington–Gettys.

Should deployment be needed further north, however, OBI has already planned with partner organizations in NY, NJ and Rhode Island.

Operation Blessing's Haiti office is currently responding to massive flooding in that country after then–Tropical Storm Sandy dumped upwards of 12 inches of rain. Today, OBI will deliver food, water filtration units, chlorine, and toiletries to 55 families that lost their homes due to severe flooding along the river Grise near Croix de Mission, Haiti.

For more information, please log on to www.ob.org.

Services offered: Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); First Responder, Worldwide; Food Distribution, Canteen, Mobile Food Canteen; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food Distribution, Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry; Furniture, Beds, Cots; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Medical, Services, Emergency Medical Services; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Support for "All" Disasters; Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2007 Hurricane Dean; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Hurricane Sally; 2024 Hurricanes Milton/ Helene; Operation Blessing
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Other locations

National Disaster Interfaiths Network (NDIN)

Info/Hotline · Open

Phone 212.669.6100
Contact Manager
Email info @ n–din . org
Web www.n–din.org

Service Temporary

Based in New York, this group looks to be a single coordinating agency for all of the country's faith–based recovery groups. It has an online database for social/disaster relief resources.

Note on the left side:

1. To register your org, it's easy. Click "Submit Directory"

2. To see an incredible library of resources for disaster planning/management, choose "resources". Scroll down to see a bunch of links to "tip sheets":

TIPS SHEETS:
01 – Disaster Basics for Faith Communities
02 – The Disaster Lifecycle: Where Do Religious Leaders Fit In?
03 – The Role of Faith Communities in Disasters
04 – How to Use Your House of Worship in a Disaster
05 – Disaster Backlash: Bias Crimes & Mitigation
06 – Continuity of Operations Planning
07 – Self–Care for Religious Leaders
08 – Disaster Spiritual Care
09 – Faith Communities & Disaster Mental Health
10 – Trauma Resilience and Harm Reduction in the Community
11 – Faith Communities & Evacuation Planning
12 – Faith Communities & Disaster Sheltering
13 – Faith Communities & Disaster Volunteerism
14 – Faith Communities & Donations Management
15 – National Faith–Based Disaster Service Organizations

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Directories, Directory of Contacts, Incident Command; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Disaster Relief Supplies, Misc.; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Bulk Distribution; Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies (Distribution To Org's Supporting Disaster Efforts); Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Distribution, Supplies, National Distribution of Supplies; Distribution, Supplies, Regional Distribution; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Sample Timeline; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Roles; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Supply Management; Documentation, Emergency Supply Kit Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Donations, Coordination, Large Donation Coordination; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Donations, In–Kind Donations Services, Corporate (Large); First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Disaster Resources for Disaster Responders; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Long Term Recovery Support; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee Advice; Management, Disaster Consultant; Management, Donations Management; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; Management, Supply Chain Support/ Coordination; Management, Support, Disaster Response Coordination & Guidance; Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; Management, Volunteer Management Resources; Resource Bank; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE–BASED, NOT FREE); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Disaster Mitigation; Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Services, Logistics Support; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training Classes, Disaster Mitigation; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, CAN Training; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Communications; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Disaster Ministry, Faith–Based; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Disaster Relief/Recovery, Online; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Mass Feeding; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Volunteer Training; Training Classes, Disaster Preparedness; Training Classes, Disaster Recovery; Training Classes, Disaster Response; Training Classes, Disaster Volunteer Management; Training Classes, Disaster Volunteer Orientation; Training Classes, Emergency Distribution Operations; Training Classes, Emergency/Evacuation Shelter Operations; Training Classes, First Response, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Training Classes, Warehouse Operations; Training Workshops, Disaster Ops, Disaster Rebuilding/Recovery Workshops
Campaigns: 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/ Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; Aidmatrix; American Red Cross; CAN (Coordinated Assistance Network.); Catholic Charities; Catholic Charities Community Services; Catholic Charities Social Services; Catholic Charities USA; CityTeam; CWS ~ Church World Service; Disaster Response Network; Ending Extreme Poverty; Habitat For Humanity; Homelessness Relief Services; Islamic Relief; LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Lutheran Disaster Response; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mercy Corps; Operation Blessing; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; UMCOR Relief Network; United Methodist Disaster Response; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary

Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a Chapter Level Member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Vision
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