

Send Relief Bulletin
Sunday, Sep. 10, 2017
1:00 PM Eastern Time

Hurricane Irma

Florida is experiencing flooding, heavy rains and hurricane force winds. Already, hundreds of thousands are without power. State disaster officials estimate that every county in the state will sustain damage from Hurricane Irma.

Here is some key information related to the national Southern Baptist response:

- Our national Send Relief team has identified several Southern Baptist churches that will be ready to serve as shelters and disaster relief staging centers after the storm has passed. Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) leaders in Florida and Georgia have attempted to move as much equipment as possible to safe locations so it can be utilized after the storm.
- It currently appears that Tampa will incur significant damage. A storm of this magnitude has not hit Tampa since the 1920's.
- We are asking that all SBDR teams east of the Mississippi River be on standby to serve in Florida, Georgia and other areas impacted by Irma. The Florida Baptist Convention has significant disaster relief resources, but many of their volunteers have been evacuated and will be focused on helping their own families recover for the foreseeable future.
- Atlanta is currently under a Tropical Storm Warning with heavy rains and winds gusting to 70 mph beginning late Sunday night. NAMB staff in the Atlanta area should take steps today to prepare their homes for wind, rain and the possibility for power loss. Please be as personally prepared as possible so you will be available to serve our partners and those in need.
- Please pray for those in the path of this storm and for those in the Caribbean who are dealing with the aftermath. To donate or volunteer visit namb.net/Irma or your state Baptist relief web site.

Hurricane Harvey

The total number of SBDR and Send Relief units serving in Texas and Louisiana has now topped 100. Mud-out activities are increasing and leaders are making arrangements for long-term volunteer service. To donate or volunteer visit namb.net/Harvey or your state Baptist relief web site.