

**Send Relief Bulletin****Monday, Sep. 11, 2017****3:00 PM Eastern Time****Hurricane Irma**

More than 7 million residents of Florida and Georgia are without power as Florida begins to assess the damage from Hurricane Irma and Georgians endure what is left of her tropical storm force winds and rains. Georgia's governor has declared a state of emergency for every Georgia county as the state experiences flooding, downed trees and power outages.

- Florida — Emergency officials are not allowing relief teams into the state yet. Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) is gearing up to establish mobile kitchen operations in the Greater Miami area, Naples and Ft. Meyers.
- Florida's islands and the Keys have sustained significant damage, but it appears that the rest of the state fared better than had been anticipated.
- Georgia — SBDR units hope to be able to begin assessments after the storm clears the state tomorrow.
- Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Cuba — Many of these areas have significant damage but with airports and sea ports closed or inaccessible, logistics are challenging. SBDR and Send Relief are partnering with Baptist Global Response to assess needs and stage a response.
- We are grateful for all of the work across our Southern Baptist family in planning for this event.

**Hurricane Harvey**

- A massive response is needed to help the survivors of Hurricane Harvey recover. Churches are in need of church-to-church partners. To help, visit [sendrelief.net/Harvey](http://sendrelief.net/Harvey) or contact the Southern Baptist Convention of Texas or the Baptist General Convention of Texas.
- Both Send Relief and our SBDR partners are recruiting trained and untrained volunteers for response to both of these events. Visit [namb.net/sendhope](http://namb.net/sendhope) or contact your state SBDR office.