

Send Relief Bulletin

Tuesday, Sep. 12, 2017

4:00 PM Eastern Time

Hurricane Irma

- We are working closely with Baptist Global Response and the Alabama Baptist Mission Board to get supplies and disaster relief equipment into the U.S. Virgin Islands and other islands that were impacted by Hurricane Irma. We are working with government officials to arrange an airlift for these resources.
- Florida — Southern Baptist mobile kitchen units will be deployed to at least six locations for mass feeding needs. Smaller units will be available to serve first responders and other relief teams. We anticipate a need for mud-out and re-build teams as this response continues. Millions in Florida are still without power and thousands are still waiting to return to their homes.

Hurricane Harvey

- Some homeowners have yet to return to their homes due to flooding. The release of water from state reservoirs exacerbated flooding in many areas and only now are waters receding. Mud-out work will continue to be an urgent need for quite some time. Other homes have completed mud-out phase and are ready for re-build teams. We ask that churches, associations and state Baptist conventions continue to encourage volunteers to help with these efforts.
- We will be working with our partners this fall and over the holidays to recruit college students to participate in both Harvey and Irma relief efforts. Please encourage schools and students in your area to consider participating in these events.
- We are directing all hurricane donations and volunteer signups to sendrelief.net/sendhope. From there visitors can view storm-specific options. Many state Baptist disaster relief groups are also accepting donations for these efforts, and some are utilizing untrained volunteers.
- These will be long-term needs, and we will need churches and other entities to send teams to help in this effort for many months to come.