

Send Relief Bulletin

Saturday, Sep. 9, 2017

2:00 PM Eastern Time

Hurricane Irma

South Florida is experiencing the effects of Hurricane Irma already today even though official landfall may not happen until Sunday evening.

Our national Send Relief leaders are continuing to work closely with FEMA, American Red Cross, the Florida Baptist Convention and state Baptist relief leaders to stage resources and plan for a response as soon as conditions are safe for volunteers to deploy. Here is some key information related to the national Southern Baptist response:

- As of 2:00 PM Eastern Time Saturday, weather officials predicted the storm to make landfall on Florida's Gulf Coast south of Tampa early Sunday evening, but the state will be feeling the effects long before official landfall.
- Southern Baptists are prepared to provide up to 230,000 hot meals a day in the aftermath of Irma. That number can be scaled up if needed. We are also prepared to provide mass child care for shelters in Florida and Georgia. NAMB's Disaster Operation Center is active and serving our state Baptist partners.
- Send Relief trucks are loaded with roof tarping, water, personal protection equipment for volunteers, chemicals for mold removal and prevention, as well as other life support items. Staging has been moved further North due to the change in the storm's predicted path.
- In the Caribbean, Baptist relief operations will be based in the Dominican Republic – Santo Domingo. Equipment and supplies are being coordinated through FEMA to be placed in areas of biggest need. Response is being coordinated with Baptist Global Relief (BGR) and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) teams are on their way to the impacted areas.
- Donate or volunteer for Hurricane Irma at namb.net/irma or your state SBDR web site.

Hurricane Harvey

- SBDR feeding levels are holding steady but ARC looking to combine sites. Mud-out and general cleanup teams are a major need right now. A large number of churches were impacted so there is also a great need for church-to-church partnerships. Donate or volunteer at namb.net/Harvey or your state SBDR web site.



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- Please continue to pray and have patience as we work hard to support the teams that are serving. Please have your SBDR teams and un-trained volunteers on standby to serve.