Disaster Response Volunteers Mobilize Following Hurricane Matthew

Hurricane Matthew plowed up the East Coast in early October, killing dozens and leaving many areas underwater because of the tremendous rainfall. While Florida and Georgia were predicted to bear most of the impact, the damage in the Carolinas was worse than expected. Virginia Baptist Disaster Response teams quickly mobilized and headed south to serve however they could.

Two feeding units were first called to Rocky Mount, NC, and later to Wallace, NC, to help prepare hot meals for victims who were not able to return to their flood-damaged homes. Meal counts steadily increased each day as the waters worked their way through the state. The two combined units allow Disaster Response volunteers to prepare 20,000 meals per day.

Chainsaw and flood recovery crews also mobilized, heading to both North Carolina and South Carolina to begin clearing trees and other debris for homeowners. Assessors also visited homeowners in Virginia Beach, and the BGAV is currently supporting a partner organization actively responding in the region. Cleanup efforts will take several weeks as the region begins the process of recovery.
Want to help?

- Volunteer. Visit BGAV.org/Disaster for more information or call 804.545.1212.
- Pray for our volunteers, for those affected by the storm, and for our partners.
- Give. Your contributions to Hurricane Matthew relief will support our efforts. You may give at BGAV.org/Donate, by mail at 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294, or through your church’s regular remittance form.

Thank you for your support of Virginia Baptist Disaster Response. Stay updated at BGAV.org/Disaster or Facebook.com/VB.Disaster.

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Disaster Response volunteers prepare barbecue donated by a local business in Nashville, NC.

Volunteers pose with a large oak tree that was responsible for significant roof damage to two homes.

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