Virginia Baptist Disaster Response Update

HURRICANE MARIA
A team of four will go to Puerto Rico October 21 – November 3 to provide water purification. They will travel each day to provide purified water to residents. Virginia Baptist Disaster Response leaders continue to assess additional needs in affected areas and determining opportunities to respond through BGAV partners. Contact has been established with partners who are beginning responses in Puerto Rico and throughout the Caribbean.

Please be in prayer for open doors to meet the tremendous needs in Puerto Rico.

HURRICANE HARVEY - LIBERTY, TEXAS
Flood clean up and rebuilding will continue in Liberty, Texas, for the foreseeable future. We have a leadership team on-site, a clean-up unit with equipment, and showers and laundry. Volunteers to date have served more than 6,700 hours and cleaned up 103 homes.

We are now able to send teams and individuals, both trained disaster volunteers and non-trained volunteers, to assist in clean up and rebuilding efforts. Learn more at BGAVDR.org/Liberty.

HOW YOU CAN HELP
PRAY for the victims of the hurricanes. PRAY for officials to make the best decisions in the coming weeks and months ahead. PRAY for those who will be responding to the disaster during the ongoing
cleanup efforts. PRAY for those who strive to be the hands and feet of God as they offer comfort and relief and begin the rebuilding process. PRAY that the gospel will go forth as the church responds to not only physical needs but also critical spiritual needs.

**GIVE.** Donate at BGAVDR.org. You can make the biggest difference right now by making a financial contribution. When your gift is combined with thousands of others, you can help provide exponentially more relief. Designate donations to Hurricane Response to maximize the benefit to the individuals and families affected by the storm. One hundred percent of your financial gifts help disaster response volunteers obtain materials and supplies, food and water, equipment operations, and cover on-site operation expenses. The BGAV does not retain any funds for overhead or staff administrative costs.

**GO.** Trained and untrained volunteers alike can inform us of their availability to deploy by going online to BGAVDR.org. There will be ongoing need for teams to travel to the affected areas.

“Virginia Baptists have always taken the ‘long view’ when it comes to our responses,” said Lee. “This response is no different. There will be opportunities well into 2018 for teams to go and serve.” Lee added, “As always, we will be looking to establish a long-term relationship once the initial relief phase draws to a conclusion.”

The latest updates will be posted at BGAVDR.org. You can also follow Virginia Baptist Disaster Response on Facebook at Facebook.com/VB.Disaster.

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