

Who We Are

Southern Baptists are one of the largest non-government organizations performing disaster relief services in the United States.

We are in the top three largest voluntary organizations active in disaster relief.

Feeding victims... Recovering homes... Bringing hope... Volunteers respond by ministering to physical and spiritual needs after disasters.

We offer hope in a time of crisis.



Affiliation

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is a ministry of the

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Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry



*We Offer
Hope in Crisis*

*Bringing
Help, Healing, and Hope*



Our Purpose

We organize trained volunteers to respond to disasters to meet urgent needs of hurting humanity in crisis situations in a timely response. We do this by contributing manpower, ministry, and help to victims of natural and man-made disasters.

Cooperation

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is the third largest relief agency in North America, following American Red Cross and The Salvation Army.

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief teams can be activated (called out) by American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, FEMA, as well as each own state convention. There are written agreements and Statements of Understanding (with detailed Operating Procedures) with the national headquarters of all organizations to ensure coordination of efforts in times when disaster relief is needed.

Organization

- Disaster relief units are owned and staffed by Southern Baptist churches, regional Baptist associations, and state Baptist conventions.
- Volunteer teams respond to disasters within their own state and work cooperatively with other states in larger emergencies.
- Teams also respond overseas.



Partnerships

- American Red Cross
- The Salvation Army
- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Department of Homeland Security
- Mercy Medical Airlift
- Other Agencies

National Resources

- More than 1,500 mobile units
 - ✓ feeding
 - ✓ chainsaw
 - ✓ mud-out
 - ✓ child care
 - ✓ shower/laundry
 - ✓ chaplaincy
 - ✓ command
 - ✓ communication
 - ✓ water purification
- More than 70,000 trained volunteers, including chaplains

Volunteers

Our volunteers - men, women, and youth

- Participate in extensive disaster relief training courses
- Completed a background check for those volunteers more than 18 years of age
- Are ready to respond when called

Funding

- Our volunteers pay for training courses and all their own expenses while responding to a disaster including transportation and lodging when not provided.
- Our units are supplied and funded by mission offerings from the churches and individual donations designated for Disaster Relief.

This is our ministry...
*to provide help to
 individuals and communities
 after a disaster.*
 There is **never a charge**
for any assistance.