

Some Thoughts On What Your Teams Should Be Doing Now: *Think about your "neighborhood" or a neighborhood that you might adopt.*

Distribution of Goods Team

- Determining what they want to do
- Discussing storage solutions
- Each family getting things and storing them for 3 families
- Multiple people who can give up some garage or attic storage for some boxes
- Using Hideaway Storage's Plan
- Monthly collections

Personal Needs Assessment Team

- Inventory church people (elderly, single moms, disabled, etc.)
- Find the elderly, single moms, and disabled in your community (ask your church members and/or send out a letter). Get the vulnerable in your neighborhood registered with the Voluntary Registration Form.
- Start a database for this information.
- Start a home visitation of these people. Talk to them about what will happen if a hurricane hits here and how you'd like to help them.

Counseling Team

- Identify any trained counselors in your church.
- Find out if they've trained in counseling specific to community disasters and hurricanes.
- Talk to them about becoming involved (meaning learning and being prepared and willing to work with your church after a hurricane).
- Would they be willing to go to a seminar or two if we had one nearby?
- Would they be willing to recruit some other colleagues that would prepare themselves and plan on helping at your church after a hurricane disaster?

Prayer Team

- Recruit people and encourage them to be trained.
- Discuss what they could do after a hurricane (offering to pray with people who are at the church for food, etc., having a prayer tent, going to the homes of those on your registration list, or those where they see a lot of damage...).

- Plan for response and procure appropriate materials (e.g. ABS "Shelter in the Storm", Bibles, etc.).

Hospitality Team

- Discuss how they could put up volunteers (in the church classrooms, in homes...).
- What could they prepare ahead of time that would make them feel cared for and appreciated (hygiene kits etc.)?
- **Communications and Transportation Team**
- Who has ham radios?
- Who has pick-up trucks or vans?
- Secure these people's involvement
- What else might you need (flat tire kit, extra gas...)?

Medical Team

- Recruit any retired nurses or doctors, EMTs, and paramedics in your church and have them recruit their colleagues.
- Involve them in a discussion of what would be needed for a small medical clinic at the church.
- Discuss where you could get donations for these items (knowing their special use).
- Where would you put this in the church (or even in a tent outdoors...)?

Children's Care Team

- Enlist the teens and your church kids to plan skits and puppet shows, collect small toys and small stuffed animals.
- Recruit your children's Pastor and leaders for disaster response. Have them make a list of the skits and puppet shows, etc., that would be appropriate for this (Jesus is there when everything else fails, Jesus is the Rock, etc.).
- What would you do with kids that would be helpful to them?
- Where would you do this?

Prepared Meals Team

- What would be the best meals to serve and on what?
- What would you need and where will you store it?
- How can you get these items donated?

Work Teams

- Get an inventory of who has what, who will be involved or allow you to use their equipment, if they aren't here (chain saws, trucks, vans that could be used as portable tool sheds, etc.)
- What equipment will you need? Who has it? Where will it be?
- What safety precautions will you need to take?
- Do we have the proper release forms?