

**DEFINITION:** Assistance with first aid and the assessment of basic needs (triage) such as whether someone needs to go to the emergency room.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDS:** This will totally depend on what persons are available within your church or are willing to work with your church. This can include paramedics, doctors, nurses etc. The suggested way to go about this is to find a medical person in your church (or one outside of your church who would work with your church in the event of a disaster) and have them “recruit” some of their medical friends to form a small team to work after a disaster. Include a few volunteers for comfort and prayer, running errands, signing people in etc.

**TRAINING:** At the very least, there should be people who have completed a first aid course. At the best, it will include medical personnel who can do stitches, shots, and basic medical treatment.

**PRE-HURRICANE:** The degree of preparation will vary from church to church. At least have plenty of supplies for over-the-counter basic first aid to be handed out as needed. Each church will have to determine what they want to have available beyond that. Doctors are good at coming up with supplies