



## HURRICANE HARVEY & CRISIS RESPONSE SEPTEMBER 2017

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Dear Pastor and Mission Leaders,

Greetings in Christ. We have all been watching what has happened in Texas and in Louisiana. It is hard to imagine the extent of the flooding. What can we do as churches and as individuals? Much of my information comes from the [efca.org](http://efca.org) website that is highlighting the Hurricane Harvey ministry opportunities. I have also additional information from Deb Steiskal, who serves with EFCA Crisis Response and is based in Monticello, MN.

**TEAM NEEDS:** EFCA Crisis Response still needs skilled workers at Columbia, SC and at Denham Spring, LA. These skilled workers could be finish workers, and roofers especially for Denham Springs. For information about serving there, please [emailrespond@efca.org](mailto:emailrespond@efca.org). They would like to finish at these locations soon so their staff can go to Texas.

EFCA Crisis Response is starting to take teams to Texas beginning on September 17<sup>th</sup>. These teams need to be limited to 15 people. They are still working on arranging housing. EFCA Crisis Response is now working in Corpus Christi. Teams will be working through EFCA churches in southern Texas. They will work in Rockport and other coastal cities.

The crisis response registration fee is \$275 per person. There will be a need for teams to go to Texas for the long-term. Consider putting a team together in your church or with other EFC churches in your area.

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** THE EFCA Crisis Response hopes to raise \$1,000,000 to help with initial recovery efforts. Checks can be sent to EFCA, Attn: Donor Services, 901 E 78<sup>th</sup> St. Minneapolis, MN 55420. In the memo line write: Hurricane Harvey Response #39694. Tools, clean-up kits, bedding, sheetrock and other items are listed on their website.  
<https://go.efca.org/hurricane-harvey-response>

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Taken from the EFCA website

- For peace and provision for the many families experiencing flooding who attend EFCA churches in the Houston area, as well as friends and neighbors.
- For local EFCA recovery and gospel outreach efforts to reach the hurting and the lost.
- For effective service and outreach opportunities to the city's many immigrants and refugees, as Houston is the most racially and ethnically diverse city of the 10 largest U.S. metropolitan areas.
- For the Church across the country to mobilize people and resources for a sustained, long term-response.

In Christ,  
Steve Austvold