



TEXAS CRISIS RESPONSE & CUBA

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Dear NCD Pastors and Mission Leaders,

Greetings in Christ. It is always encouraging when churches take advantage of short-term mission opportunities. When there is good training and debriefing, teams can grow in their walk with God and in service through their local church. This month, there are two opportunities that I want to highlight for you.

TEXAS: Last August Hurricane Harvey hit Texas. It is estimated that 200,000 homes just in Harris County around Houston were damaged. This year 2,000 homes will be helped to rebuild. Over 900,000 families have asked for FEMA help. The work is large. EFCA Crisis Response is working in Corpus Christi and at two sites in Houston. They are planning on working there for the next three to five years. They are booked for the summer. They need teams for this coming fall and winter. I have reserved a spot at *The Grove* in Houston for November 4-10th for 25 people. I still have room for more people to join us this November. The cost is \$275 a person, plus some meals and travel to Houston. Contact me if you would like to join our team from the North Central District. I can also send you a flyer to promote this event in your church.

CUBA: Cuba has just elected a new president. ReachGlobal is working with *The New Pines* denomination in Cuba. Kathy and I are signed up as tour hosts with Educational Opportunities to join a Royal Caribbean cruise on January 13-21, 2019. This eight-day cruise will include one stop in Cozumel, Mexico and three days in Cuba. Two of the days will be in Havana. We hope to be able to go to *The Pines Church* on one of the days for our stop in Havana to meet Pachy, the president of the denomination. This will be a vision and prayer focused cruise. If you want a taste of Cuba and to see what God is doing there, please join us on this cruise. We encourage registrations by the end of May to hold a cabin. Cruise prices start at \$849 a person, plus fees. We will enter Cuba on a tourist cultural visa that will be given on the ship. Here is the link to register: <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/fl19011319a12264#.WuH1AYjwY2x>. On the form put Steve & Kathy Austvold as tour hosts, ID#12264, Tour FL19. Contact us with any questions you might have about this cruise.

Blessings,
Steve Austvold