

# Disaster Recovery

## How to Support Harvey Survivors and Responders

*Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. (1 Peter 3:8)*

After viewing images of the people and property caught in Hurricane Harvey's path, the realization that help will be needed in those areas for a long time is on the minds of many people. What can we do to help?

**Please surround everyone with Prayers.** Everyone's spirits will be uplifted and amazing things will happen.

After consulting with Jim Davis, who is the volunteer coordinator for **Lend A Hand**, our presbytery's disaster recovery ministry, a call was made to **Mission Central**, which is located at **5 Pleasant View Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA, 17050**, to get their assessment of current needs.

Mission Central needs volunteers to help prepare donations that will be sent to the area. Volunteers must call ahead to schedule times to help **(717) 766-1533**.

Listed below are items that will be needed as a first response to the devastation. If you are in a church that is not located near Mission Central, and can determine a drop-off point for donations, Lend A Hand is willing to come to your area to pick up items that will be brought back to Mission Central. Please contact Jim Davis at Lend A Hand, 717-731-8888, to make arrangements.

**In addition to the cleaning bucket supplies noted below, Mission Central needs disposable diapers.**

### **Mission Central Cleaning Buckets -**

(Bucket assembly instructions are noted at the end of the list.)

Filling one of these buckets is costly, so several persons could work on filling one or folks could consider just donating some of the necessary supplies.

### **Bucket Supplies List:**

1 - (1) 14" - 14 1/2" tall 5 gallon bucket with resealable lid - buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned. Do not use buckets that have stored caustic chemicals. Advertisements on the outside of the buckets are acceptable.

2 - \*Liquid laundry detergent - \*Two 25 oz. bottles OR \*One 50 oz. bottle only

3- (1) Liquid household cleaner - 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water; no spray cleaners

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## **Bucket Supplies (cont.)**

4 - (1) Dish Soap - 15-28 oz. bottle, any brand

5 - (1) Air freshener - aerosol can or pump

6 - (1) Hand-held scrub brush - plastic or wooden handle, no toilet, kitchen or dish brushes

7 - (18) Cleaning wipes - handi-wipes or reusable wipes, no rags or terry cleaning towels; remove packaging

8 - (7) Sponges - Dry foam spongers - PLEASE NO CELLULOSE SPONGES

9 - (5) Scouring Pads - No Brillo, SOS or other metal pads due to rust issues. Nothing with soap built-in; Wrapper removed

10 - (50) Clothespins - Not loose in the bucket; place in gallon-sized, sealable bag

11 - (24) Heavy duty trash bags - At least 1.5-2 mil trash bags, 33-45 gallon size; Box removed!

12 - (5) Dust masks - Place in bag with clothespins

13 - (2) Disposable kitchen gloves (pairs) - rubber or latex (not light-weight hospital gloves); packaging removed

14 - (1) Work gloves (pair) - Heavy Duty cotton/leather gloves with leather or rawhide palm

**To fill the buckets:** Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges and scouring pads can be separated so that all the items will fit into the bucket. Ensure that the lid is securely closed.

**Monetary donations** are needed too. Your checks can be made out to: "Presbytery of Carlisle" and designated DR000169 - Harvey. Please send them to: Presbytery of Carlisle, 3040 Market St., Suite 1, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

**Lend A Hand's** board will meet soon, and the situation in Texas will be a topic of discussion. Their teams are still helping with **recovery efforts in West Virginia**, and would welcome **volunteers to help there**. Please click for LAH updates.

Thank you all for your love, concern and support.