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DALLAS—Texas Baptist Men disaster relief is responding to emergencies and meeting needs from central Oklahoma to northern Iraq.

Four chainsaw crews were dispatched to Oklahoma City to clear away fallen limbs caused by an ice storm that paralyzed much of the Midwest. The crews, who are being housed and fed at Northwest Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, may work up to two weeks.

TBM also is sending 10,000 blankets to Kurds who are migrating from southern Iraq, which historically is more unstable and unfriendly to Kurds, to a Kurdish-controlled area in the northern portion of the war-torn nation.

“We are sending blankets for humanitarian purposes,” said Gary Smith, TBM disaster relief volunteer coordinator. “We have people who are fleeing terrorist activity to somewhere it is safe. They need the blankets to stay warm until they have shelter.”

For information on how to support TBM disaster relief ministries, visit [www.texasbaptistmen.org](http://www.texasbaptistmen.org).

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