CBF seeks immediate help for Harvey recovery trip

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Cooperative Baptist Fellowship volunteers are racing the clock to help Hurricane Harvey victims remove flood-soaked carpet and drywall before mold takes over—and help is needed.

Two CBF congregations, Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth and Day Spring Baptist Church in Waco, are organizing an initial recovery trip to Houston Sept. 10-16, reported Dan Freemyer, minister of missional engagement at Broadway.

"Most groups are not available to start arriving until a few weeks from now," Freemyer said. "Unfortunately, the longer we wait, the more mold and mildew will form."

Butch and Nell Green, CBF field personnel in Houston, have made arrangements to accommodate at least 20 volunteers for the week. Volunteers interested in participating in the trip can complete this online form to initiate the process.

Volunteers can work the entire week, or they can work Sunday-Wednesday or Wednesday-Saturday, Freemyer said.

They will work in victims' homes and primarily will cut and remove the lower 24 inches of drywall, remove flood debris, and remove carpet and other flooring, he noted.

Meals will be provided, but volunteers need to bring their own bedding—cots, air mattresses, sleeping bags, etc.

Helpful materials to take on the trip include cleaning supplies, work gloves,

utility knives, masks, work boots, hammers and garbage bags.

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