

TBM completes disaster relief work in Louisiana

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About five weeks after storms dumped more rain on South Louisiana in 48 hours than Hurricane Katrina did in 2005, Texas Baptist Men wrapped up disaster relief in Jefferson Davis and Arcadia parishes after donating 1,269 volunteer days and completing 175 job requests.

Working from a command post set up at First Baptist Church in Jennings, TBM volunteers prepared more than 4,000 meals, provided access to 633 showers and washed 365 loads of laundry.

Mud-out crews completed about 100 jobs, removing damaged drywall and flooring from flooded homes, discarding debris, pressure-washing surfaces and completing mold-remediation.

TBM workers distributed 4,386 boxes to residents so they could collect and store their possessions.

TBM volunteers made 1,244 ministry contacts and an additional 871 contacts by volunteer chaplains. They presented the gospel 42 times and distributed 173 Bibles. At least two people made professions of faith in Christ.

To contribute to TBM disaster relief, click here (<http://texasbaptistmen.org/GiveNow>) or send a check designated "disaster relief" to Texas Baptist Men, 5351 Catron, Dallas 75227.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas disaster recovery program plans to respond to long-term needs in the region. For more information, contact Marla Bearden at marla.bearden@texasbaptists.org or (214) 537-7358 or

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