

TBM continues disaster relief in flooded areas of East Texas

March 23, 2016

ORANGE—Texas Baptist Men disaster relief volunteers prepared more than 1,500 meals for first responders and other personnel at the Orange County Expo and Convention Center in the wake of flooding that devastated areas near the Sabine River in East Texas.

Although TBM had to wait until floodwaters receded before deploying a full-scale response in Southeast Texas, volunteers provided meals to emergency personnel and distributed nearly 600 boxes to Orange County residents to help them collect and recover scattered possessions.

TBM set up an incident management center at First Baptist Church in Orange March 23, along with an emergency food-service team and a mobile shower unit.

In Bon Weir, a Newton County community about 50 miles north of Orange, TBM volunteers washed 178 loads of laundry and made available 28 showers. Three mud-out teams completed five jobs cleaning homes after floods and seven jobs tearing out water-damaged flooring and drywall, and they received more than 100 requests for help.

More than 150 miles north of Newton County, TBM volunteers completed mud-out jobs for residents near Caddo Lake and sent an emergency food-service team to Pope City Baptist Church in Woodlawn. Volunteers received more than 50 requests for assistance.

Kilgore-based TBM disaster relief workers donated 91 volunteer days. They made 68 ministry contacts, prepared 165 meals, washed 80 loads of laundry, provided access to 32 showers, cleaned eight flood-damaged

homes and ripped carpet and damaged drywall from 12 houses.

To contribute to TBM disaster relief, click [here](#) or send a check designated “disaster relief” to Texas Baptist Men, 5351 Catron, Dallas 75227.