TBM continues to meet needs in Texas

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While nine <u>Texas Baptist Men</u> disaster relief teams served tornado victims in Alabama, other TBM volunteers continued to meet needs caused by wildfires in West Texas and storms in East Texas.

Texas Baptist Men volunteers at the Robert E. Dixon Missions Equipping Center in Dallas collect about 4,000 cases of donated water to distribute to firefighters and victims of wildfires in West Texas. (PHOTO/Courtesy of Texas Baptist Men)

TBM collected more than 4,000 cases of bottled water donors delivered to the Robert E. Dixon Missions Equipping Center in east Dallas, and volunteers have distributed the water to firefighters and people displaced by the wildfires that have raged across more than 1 million acres.

Initial deliveries went to First Baptist Church in Weatherford, Palo Pinto Baptist Association and First Baptist Church of Possum Kingdom Lake. Distribution continues, and TBM Associate Executive Director Mickey Lenamon asked churches or areas affected by the fire and in need of water to call (214) 828-5177.

The West Texas Special Feeding Unit served first-responders in Junction City. The disaster relief unit from First Baptist Church in Plains was dispatched to Comstock, where the team served 3,050 meals as of May 4 and anticipated serving another 3,750 by May 9.

Dallas County Cowboy Church also sent a six-member crew to work with First Baptist Church in Fort Davis in recovery operations there. En route, the team delivered snacks and supplies to firefighters in Strawn.

Meanwhile, a TBM chainsaw crew from Kaufman-Van Zandt Baptist Association worked in the area around Canton to clear trees felled by tornadoes and high winds.