

TBM delivers water to wildfire first responders

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Texas Baptist Men volunteers are delivering a tractor-trailer load of water to firefighters working around the clock as they battle the more than 8,000-acre Copper Breaks Fire near Quanah.

The delivery is in response to a request from Texas Emergency Management. It will help keep first responders hydrated as they fight the blaze that at one point engrossed 12,000 acres northwest of Copper Breaks State Park.

TBM is picking up the water from the Salvation Army in Arlington and taking it to Hardeman County. The firefighters have the wildfire 50 percent contained, according to the latest reports on Aug. 20.

“Firefighters are working around the clock to put out this fire,” TBM Disaster Relief Director Dwain Carter said. “We’re extremely proud of those who put their lives on the line to protect the rest of us and happy to support them in any way we can.”

The fire began Friday morning, Aug. 16, and firefighters have been battling it since then. The Texas A&M Forest Service brought in bulldozers and helicopters in an effort to relieve responders.

About a week earlier, TBM sent a trailer loaded with water, clothes, hygiene products and other supplies to a Laredo church that is ministering to asylum-seeking immigrant families.