

TBM deploys disaster relief teams after Hurricane Hanna

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Texas Baptist Men is deploying multiple volunteer disaster relief teams to the Weslaco area in the wake of Hurricane Hanna.

Volunteers include mud-out teams to clean flooded homes, personnel to staff a shower and laundry unit, a chainsaw team, chaplains, assessors and an incident management team.



Hurricane Hanna made landfall July 25 in South Texas and blew across the lower Rio Grande Valley. TBM volunteer disaster relief teams will be ready to serve as soon as the rain ceases and the water recedes. (TBM Photo / Leslie Carter)

Hurricane Hanna made landfall July 25 in South Texas and blew across the lower Rio Grande Valley. It continues to dump rain across the region, and the forecast calls for continued rain for several days.

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the water recedes.

“Hanna has significantly impacted large portions of South Texas and continues to drop rain on the area,” said TBM Disaster Relief Director Dwain Carter, who rode out the storm in the area. “Our teams are preparing ... to deliver help, hope and healing as soon as the region clears and work can begin. Please keep South Texas in your prayers.”

Carter is in ongoing communication with city and regional leaders, as well as pastors from across the area as assessors continue to evaluate the situation.

In an effort to keep TBM volunteers as well as those they serve safe from COVID-19, the teams serving will be smaller, wear masks and practice social distancing. Temperatures will be taken, and each volunteer will have more housing space than typical.

“We want to share God’s love in the hardest days of people’s lives,” Carter said. “Part of that is making sure everyone remains healthy and gets the help they need. In the coming days, TBM volunteers will help South Texans take their first steps in recovering from Hurricane Hanna.”

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