

Hunger Offering joins BWA to support earthquake relief

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The Texas Baptist Hunger Offering is joining with Baptist World Alliance to raise funds to provide critical resources and aid to meet the needs of those injured and displaced by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

The death toll from the powerful 7.8 earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria on Feb. 6 has risen to more than 44,000. Countless others are injured and displaced, seeking aid and assistance in the aftermath of what is being considered the deadliest natural disaster in Turkey's modern history.



Members of the Hungarian Baptist Aid Rescue 24 team work in Antakya, Turkey, to rescue people trapped in the rubble. (Hungarian Baptist Aid Photo via European Baptist Federation)

BWA is coordinating a Baptist Forum on Aid and Development response among three lead agencies: German Baptist Aid, Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development—Middle East Revive and Thrive, and

Hungarian Baptist Aid.

Partnering with the Turkish Baptist Alliance and the Baptist Convention of Syria, immediate relief and aid is being distributed in the affected areas to those who need it most.

“We are grateful for the ways Texas Baptists respond in loving our neighbors through humanitarian aid and crisis relief. We are truly better together,” said Irene Gallegos, director of the Texas Baptist Hunger Offering.

She encourages Texas Baptist churches to support ongoing relief efforts by giving through the hunger offering, and by praying for those impacted by the disaster and those seeking to provide relief. To contribute financially, [click here](#).

Prayers are requested:

- For the leadership and churches of the Turkish Baptist Alliance, Baptist Convention of Syria and Lebanese Baptist Convention
- For the Hungarian Baptist Aid Rescue Team and other rescue teams, who are still engaged in recovery efforts amidst the rubble
- For the families who have lost loved ones or currently have loved ones missing
- For the millions of displaced people in Turkey, Syria and Lebanon
- For all impacted to be drawn nearer to God as a result of this tragedy