

BEBA Disaster Relief – Kentucky Plea

Greetings!

As you probably already know, Kentucky has recently been rocked with massive storms and floods that have devastated many communities. As of this writing, there are 35 confirmed deaths, and that number is rising. Many areas are without power and water, and many homes are destroyed.

While we are sitting in relative safety and security, our neighbors to the north are hurting – and we have a great opportunity to share the love of Jesus with them in very practical, tangible ways. Here are 4 ways you can get engaged in helping Kentucky right now!

1. **Prayer Support:** I lead with this one – because there is great power in prayer! Pray for safety – pray for peace – and pray for patience for those who are in the midst of a literal storm in their life right now. Pray for the Disaster Relief teams and workers that would go forth and try to help. Pray for healing for those who are hurting.
2. **Volunteer Now:** There are opportunities to sign up and go to work on homes right now (primarily doing mud-out for flood victims). If you are itching to get started and have immediate availability, you can follow this link for more information about partnering with [Samaritan's Purse](#).
3. **Be Ready:** We are actively seeking partnerships with local churches in the affected areas for a Disaster Relief trip of sorts. Take a look at your schedule and try to make some flexibility where possible. Stay on the lookout for upcoming opportunities to partner with Big Emory Baptist Association as we try to get a group together to go love our neighbors in Kentucky. The best ways to get up-to-date information about upcoming trips are to get on the Disaster Relief e-mail list by emailing danieldiden67@gmail.com or myself at srpastor@fbcwartburg.org. Or you can follow our Facebook group [Big Emory Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry](#) for the latest and greatest information!
4. **Donations:** Due to the nature of this disaster, many people have lost everything. Below are 2 charts detailing needs that could be met. Donations are appreciated! They can be dropped off at either the Big Emory Baptist Association office in Harriman, TN during office hours (M-Th; 8 AM-12; 1PM-4PM), or at First Baptist Church of Wartburg during office hours (M-F; 9 AM-12; 1PM-4PM). Every Tuesday morning, a volunteer from the Association will collect up what has been donated, and make the trip to deliver the goods to a local Baptist Association or Church. Just a thought as you consider what to give – the needs in a disaster tend to shift and change with time... A gift card to Dollar General or Walmart provides great flexibility to meet a variety of needs on the ground. By all means, give as the Lord would lead you to give!

Cleaning Supplies	Special Needs	Food	Toiletries	Children	Miscellaneous
Mops	Diapers of all Sizes	Kids Snacks	Shampoo/Conditioner	Baby Bottles	Gift Cards
Brooms	Adult Diapers	Coffee Cups	Body Wash	Diapers	Tote Bags

Buckets	Pull-ups	Can Openers	Bar Soap	Wipes	Plastic Totes
Shovels	Headphones	Water	Hair Brushes	Formula	Bug Spray
Trash Bags	Fidget Toys	Individually Wrapped Snacks (non-perishable)	Nail Clippers		Fire Starters
Laundry Detergent	Weighted Blankets	Canned Food (no expired food)	Feminine Hygiene		First Aid Supplies
Scrub Brushes		Gatorade/Powerade	Towels		Air Mattress
Bleach			Wash Cloths		Waterproof Boots
Gloves			Deodorant		
Dryer Sheets			Monistat		
Paper Towels			Sunscreen		
			Toilet Paper		

Longer Term Helps:

Kitchen Set-up Kits	Bath Essentials	Bedroom Essentials	Clothing (NO USED CLOTHING)
Pots and Pans	Bath Towels	Sheet sets	New underwear/bras
Skillet	Hand Towels	Blankets	New socks
Silverware	Washcloths		New shoes, sneakers, slippers, sandals
Dishes	Bathmats		New adult clothing
Cups			New baby clothing
Potato Peeler			New children's clothing
Spatulas			
Dish Towels			
Potholders			
Food Storage Containers			
Coffee Maker			
Cookie Sheets			
Can Opener			

Thank you so much for your desire to serve Jesus by serving others!

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