



## **Orange, Texas**

Orange, Texas is located on I-10 just across the Texas/Louisiana state line into Texas near Beaumont. Hurricane Harvey dumped massive flooding rains on the city leaving many homes flooded and residents displaced.

Texas Baptist Men – the Disaster Relief agency of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has asked Mississippi Baptists to coordinate the clean-up response to Orange, Texas. Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief has agreed to coordinate teams from Mississippi Baptist Churches who want to help with clean-up and recovery of the county.

### **Housing**

Teams will be housed at North Orange Baptist Church - 4775 N 16th St, Orange, TX 77632

### **Ministry**

Teams will be asked to do a variety of clean-up/recovery ministry with residents of Orange County. This will include:

- Ministry with churches and associations as needs are identified
- Clean up of homes and church properties in the county
- Mud-out of homes and churches in the county
- Food preparation for volunteers housed at the church
- Serve as caring ambassadors of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

### **Dates**

Teams will begin arriving in Orange on Sunday, September 10 and respond for at least six weeks.

How can teams volunteer? Email the Men's Ministry office at [msdisasterrelief@mcbcb.org](mailto:msdisasterrelief@mcbcb.org) to secure a date.

Information needed for sign up:

- Church name and Address
- Contact leader – cell phone and email address
- Date preferred (if available)
- Team make up – males/females
- A statement that all team members with your team have had a criminal-background in the last three years

\*\*Teams are responsible for their own short-term travel insurance

**Call the Orange onsite command 24 hours before travel  
To verify team numbers and arrival times  
601-259-4485**

## **Team Support Items to take and reminders**

Each team member needs:

- Bedding – cot or air mattress and linens/sleeping bag
- Toiletries – person hygiene
- Extension cord for charging personal items (be prepared to share)
- Prescription medication
- First aid kit (one per team)
- Bible
- Towel
- Pillow

## **Clothing**

- Long pants in work areas. Shorts are fine during off times but not on work site
- Close-toed shoes for work – no sandals on work site
- Old clothes are best because if cleaning out flooded homes: you may want to discard them.
- Hat
- Work gloves

## **Keep in Mind**

- Most flood victims have lost many of their personal belongings and are very vulnerable. Please don't post pictures of those affected to social media.
- You represent Jesus Christ as you go. It is appropriate to ask those affected if you can pray with them. As the Lord leads, it's appropriate to share your faith. It's also very important to listen to those affected tell their stories without judgement. They are grieving much loss. Please be sensitive to them. It's more important to minister than 'just finish the job'.
- Keep a great attitude with your team and those for whom you are working. Many have limited or no church connection. You may be a bridge to get them connected to church.
- Take care of yourself. Drink lots of water! It's HOT in Texas. Spend some time with Jesus every day. Ask for help with work. Don't overdo. Take breaks! Cooperate with the Leadership on-site.

## **Mudout teams: Cleaning supplies/equipment needed**

Most of this gear can be purchased at hardware or Home Depot/Lowes stores

- Bleach
- Garden sprayers
- Flat shovel
- Wheel barrow (may be available on site)
- Brooms – push and regular
- Mops - sponge
- Squeegees
- Box cutter or hand saw; Hack saw (for sheetrock removal) utility knife
- Pry bars
- Hammers
- Buckets - 5 gallon
- Rubber gloves
- Dust mask
- Tape Measure
- Chalk Line
- Flashlight (with batteries)
- Safety glasses