



LOCAL CHURCH WORKING WITH TEAMS And District Disaster Coord. and Volunteer Coord.

(Keep District Disaster Coord. and/or District Volunteer Coord. always in the loop)

TEAMS COMING IN... you have already have had some calls about teams coming to help.... It is up to you to decide if you want them to come and when they come. If they are not a help to you, do not be afraid to let people know what you need, let them know what dates work for you.. Please consider whether you can help them with housing or to have them make their own housing arrangements , many of the communities that are affected are small and really do not have housing available and your churches are small and may not have the required safe sanctuaries spaces. (or bathroom/shower spaces)

TEAM HOST....When you have a team in your community you will want to assign a Local Team Host, someone who will be available to answer questions, help with errands, give directions, be available the entire time a team is in your community...This can be a wonderful relationship between the host and the team but it is labor intensive....(if you choose to be that person be ready to be on duty the entire time the team is there.) This is could be a good job for a member of the community affected, it can be healing and a good experience and a good way to share the experience with members of your community.

WORK FOR TEAMS...Each community will have specific work needs, let volunteers know what you need, skills, specific jobs. It's OK for you to ask for what you need. It is also OK to ask for things for the community to help heal, VBS, counseling, planting gardens, washing windows, day care as long as these items have been determined as needs by the community or lead group.

It is important if the host can give an overview on the first day of what happened, what has been going on and where we are now...photos. Videos and any other visuals will help the teams to know what the community has gone thru. This can be simple, you can have someone else do it if you want, but in my experience it is a good way to "get everyone on the same page"

EACH COMMUNITY... should have someone who will keep track of what is needed and where what the jobs are, what houses need help. You will need to be in contact with that person to get jobs assigned to our groups. No jobs lined up ... No need for volunteers!

FOOD...Groups are typically self sufficient for food, usually they have breakfast where they stay. They can either bring sack lunches or the host site sometimes provides lunch, be sure to be clear with your groups about what the lunch plan is. Many of our local UMW groups are willing to provide a meal, we can send out an appeal for that when you know what you will need. Dinner is usually on the group, some bring a cook, some go out. If you plan to provide dinner you should let the work group know so that they can make plans.

PERMISSION/HEALTH/JOB SKILLS SHEETS....We will need a permission and health slip for every volunteer, no matter the age. The Skill sheets will let us know that skill levels of the people that are volunteering, this can be helpful is assigning jobs.

WATER.....teams will need water for the work day, sometimes they bring their own but it is good for us to have a supply for them. If you have space to store the water you have on hand we will need it this summer.

TOOL TRAILER.....Will need a person responsible for checking out and checking in tools. (There is to be a tool protocol in each trailer. If there is not call Conference Disaster Coordinator so it can be replaced) If the person who is acting as the site coordinator, checks the tools in at the close of day at the site and then returns them to tool trailer you will have a double check and tools will not be lost.

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