Requirements for Disaster Relief Staging Sites

Feeding Units

- Parking area has to accommodate between three to five 18-wheeler trailers, a 20x40 tent, three 10x10 tents, box truck (28' long), support trailer (30' long.) The feeding unit, a 20x40 tent and three 10x10 tents have to be set up on some type of paved surface able to support heavy equipment (health requirements.) Other trailers can be set up on gravel or dirt.
- Lodging must be provided to support the feeding team, which includes administration, communication and shower team. Maximum number to accommodate is 50-60.
- The church will need to support operations for feeding services a minimum of two weeks and a maximum of one month.
- If shower facilities are not available, a shower unit will be deployed to support operations for volunteers.
- Sleeping arrangements for volunteers will require rooms typical of Sunday School space. Volunteers will bring their own air mattresses or cots. This space will be occupied until the close of operations.
- Have designated areas marked off for only volunteers to use. Volunteer areas in use should not be open to everyone in the church.
- American Red Cross or The Salvation Army will cover 100% of any expenses incurred for damage or repair of facilities related to use during a disaster response deployment resulting from volunteer usage.

Cleanup/Recovery/Mudout/Chainsaw

- Lodging for about 50-75 individuals, sleeping on floor.
- Shower facilities are needed for volunteers. If the host church does not have showers, a disaster relief shower unit will be deployed to the site to support volunteers.
- Teams will need to be allowed to work out of the church for a minimum of two weeks and maximum of one month.
- Be sure the church is not in a low-lying area or flood plain.
- Cleanup/Recovery teams will be supported from mobile feeding units; however, if feeding units are not available, the church will be asked to allow its kitchen facilities to be used by a small disaster relief feeding team to prepare meals for the C/R/M/C teams. The church/association will not incur the expense of meals for teams unless they choose to support the effort by providing food. A desire to support the effort can be communicated to the site leadership or to the disaster relief office of the State Board of Missions.
- Teams will leave facilities as they found them, in good shape.

Disaster Relief Childcare Ministry

- Childcare Ministry will not use church supplies for ministry unless the host church insists they use them. The Childcare ministry will arrive and be self-supporting for all ministry activity.
- Childcare ministry will have a shower/laundry unit set up at the church for washing certain clothes worn by the children's workers.
- Childcare ministry will be set up at a location other than where feeding unit and cleanup/recovery units are staged. This is required for security.