

President Trump Views Florence Devastation Firsthand in Carolinas

President Donald Trump visited North Carolina and South Carolina Wednesday to get a firsthand look at the damage of Hurricane Florence.

The president paid a visit to a church in New Bern, North Carolina, that's serving as an aid distribution center for victims. As a gesture of comfort and encouragement, Trump handed out hot meals to residents greatly impacted by the hurricane.

"How's the house?" the president was heard asking one storm survivor. "You take care of yourself."

On Wednesday morning, he took the time to thank and meet with first responders and volunteer rescue workers in New Bern, who saved more than 4,000 people from floodwaters across the state.

"What they've done to save precious lives of our citizens has been nothing short of incredible," President Trump said.

"In moments of despair, we witnessed the true character of the American people. So true," he continued. "Citizens all across our country rallied together to rescue the stranded, to protect the innocent and restore hope to families who have experienced tremendous and unbearable loss."

Rivers are continuing to rise as massive rainfall across the state makes its way downstream, and major roads like Interstate 40 have turned into rivers, not to mention entire towns. {eo}

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