

Billy Graham Chaplains Head to Tornado-Stricken Texas

Crisis-trained chaplains with the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team are deploying to Granbury, Texas, following a series of tornadoes last night that damaged hundreds of homes and resulted in numerous injuries and deaths to those in its path.

According to news reports, the outbreak of tornadoes was “by far the year’s deadliest.” At least six people died in the tragedy, with more than 100 injured, and hundreds more left homeless.

“It’s always so difficult for survivors to comprehend the tragedy of a tornado, because everything happens so fast,” said Jack Munday, international director of the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team. “You wake up in the morning with all of your plans before you, and by the time you go to bed at night your entire world has changed and everything you once knew has been destroyed. Please pray for those who lost everything in this series of tornadoes, and especially for the loved ones of the victims.”

The Billy Graham Rapid Response Team is deploying in coordination with Samaritan’s Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, who is also president and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Together the two ministries will seek to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those impacted by the storms.

The deployment to Texas will be the third tornado response undertaken by the team in 2013, following efforts in Petal, Miss., and Shuqualak, Miss. The team also deployed to West, Texas, following the fertilizer plant explosion in April.

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