

Ministries Activate Crisis Response Teams for Anticipated Florence Damage

In preparation for Hurricane Florence, Christian humanitarian organization World Help has activated its crisis response program to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the storm.

The group will work with local churches and relief organizations to provide supplies to people in the areas most affected by the storm. Every \$50 donated, which will provide items like bottled water, food and hygiene items, will help one victim of the storm survive in the coming days.

Additionally, World Help has set up a relief collection station at its offices in Virginia—1148 Corporate Dr., Forest, VA 24551—so residents can donate items including canned food, flashlights, batteries, toiletries and Bibles. These items will be rushed to the most affected areas in North Carolina. Central Virginia residents interested in donating supplies to World Help can call **800-541-6691** for more details.

“We are doing everything we can to be prepared to help as many people as possible,” said Mark Hogsed, vice president of international programs at World Help, who is overseeing the disaster relief response. “In the days ahead, getting clean water and other emergency supplies to the affected areas will be critical, especially as some people might be left without power for days or even weeks.”

Meteorologists have said Florence could be the strongest hurricane on record to hit the East Coast. Millions of residents in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina have evacuated or taken shelter in anticipation of the storm.

“Above all, we are asking people to say a prayer on behalf of those who are in the path of Hurricane Florence,” Hogsed said. “People are afraid, and we want them to know they’re not alone and, no matter what happens, help is on the way.”