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Memo To: GMBC Officers, District Presidents & Convention Churches

Subject: Disaster Relief – Houston Texas

I have received many calls about people wanting to assist the victims in Houston and surrounding areas. At this moment there is a need for funds for medication for the elderly, children and for shelter. We cannot make the trip until the water recedes and the road are drivable. As we know Harvey has reversed back in the Gulf and returned inland dropping about 24 to 36 inches of rain by Thursday.

After speaking with official there and here, we have agreed to allow FEMA, TEMA the ARC to do an assessment of the damages after the water recedes before we go in to assist with clothing, nonperishable items, water, cleaning supplies etc.

Once I return from Cincinnati on Thursday the 7th I will be traveling there to deliver items, but also minister to the people in the shelters who are focusing on what they have lost and not what they have left. There is a need for tangible items, monetary donations but most important is spiritual need; until we meet the spirit need, the material needs will just be a temporary fix.

Please we are asking all pastors to ask for a special offering this Sunday to go toward the victims in Houston, Texas donations can be sent to Baptist Headquarters; checks/money orders made payable to GMBC and the convention will process a check with the combined donations, sending to the area(s) identified in Houston, Texas.

There is a dire need for those who have expertise in counseling (certified), who would like to travel there, let me know as soon as possible who they are.

It is being asked If you could send an email or make calls to everyone to solicit help, I would be most appreciative.

I can be reached at (478) 746-3469 or email: pastortf@bellsouth.net or call Baptist Headquarters (404) 688-4212.

Gods Blessings,

Together We Can..... *Pastor Timothy French*