

Bradley Baptist Churches Working Together

Special VBS Missions Offering Emphasis

Since 2002, churches of the Bradley County Baptist Association have been partnering together to form response teams that can answer the call for help when disaster and crisis situations strike. Our Disaster Relief funds are at their lowest level they have been in 5 years and we need additional funds to keep sending teams out to disaster situations. We need your help. We are asking churches to consider using their VBS offerings to go towards this worthy goal.



Here are some fast facts about the Bradley Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry:

- BBA Disaster Relief Mission Responses
 - 2005 - 12 Disaster Relief trips involving 175 volunteers responding to hurricanes in Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, and the Tsunami in Sri Lanka
 - 2006 - 6 Disaster Relief trips involving 90 volunteers responding to hurricane rebuild in Gulfport, Mississippi and snow/ice storms in Buffalo, NY.
 - 2007/2008 - 11 Disaster Relief trips involving 100 volunteers responding to hurricane rebuild, snow/ice storms, flooding and tornados in Mississippi, New Hampshire, Missouri, Oklahoma & Tennessee
- BBA Disaster Relief Volunteers have come from 31 BBA Churches (half of our churches)
- The expenses related to mobilizing volunteers for just one response trip has been averaging approximately \$1,000, most of which covers gasoline costs. Since 2005, a little more than \$80,000 has been incurred in BBA disaster relief expenses.
- BBA Disaster Relief has 3 units: 2 Chainsaw/Recovery Trailers, 1 Shower/Laundry Trailer
- Our volunteers have led many people to Christ through Disaster Relief, including seven in 2008

Challenge children and adults to be part of the VBS Missions Offering. Be creative-have a contest between classes or between boys and girls with some type of prize or fun outcome, such as the winners getting to do something fun to the Pastor and Staff.

BBA Disaster Relief Volunteers are available to come and speak to your children during VBS, as well as the possibility of having one of our trailers on display (call the BBA Office at 476-5493)



*Earl Farris (Georgetown)
Phil Taylor, chainsaw crew*



*Lou Sadowski (Waterville) leading
a young man to Christ in Florida*



The BBA Laundry/Shower Trailer being used for the first time - assisted by Jim and Betty Sneed (Clingan Ridge)



*Charlene Foster (Westwood), Edith Peters (FBC Cleveland), Gina Corbett (Hopewell)
at a mass feeding station in Florida*

Consider being part of an exciting VBS Missions Offering