



Church of the Brethren
Another way of living.

Children's Disaster Services (CDS) is now deploying teams of volunteers to aid children and families in shelters in three Texas cities: San Antonio, Austin, and Dallas. "We have 24 people as of today and another 30 will be arriving over the next week to replace those teams," reported CDS staff.

Brethren Disaster Ministries has a new webpage providing up-to-date information on the Harvey response, and a link to support the response with financial gifts, at:
www.brethren.org/bdm/hurricane-harvey.html

This will be the largest CDS response in more than a decade, said Brethren Disaster Ministries. CDS volunteers are staffing childcare centers in shelters housing people who have been evacuated or have fled homes flooded in Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath.

The picture shows CDS volunteer Stephanie helps care for a child at one of Texas' "mega shelters." Specially trained to respond to traumatized children, volunteers with Children's Disaster Services provide a calm, safe, and reassuring presence in the midst of the chaos created by tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, wildfires, and other natural and human-caused disasters.



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Other ways to help:

- Virgina District will be collecting a special offering for Church of the Brethren Ministries in response to Harvey. Please send your congregation's check to:
Virgina District Resource Center
3402 Plantation Road, NE
Roanoke, VA 24012-3732
with the following inscription on the memo line:
"Harvey Offering – Account #33507."
- There is also a call for Hygiene Kits and Clean-up Buckets, instructions are the inside of this insert.
- Join others in prayer in service and support.

"O God, We've Prayed in Wind and Rain"

sung to the Tune # 143 "Amazing Grace"

1. O God, we've prayed in wind and rain
And now we pray once more
For those who felt the hurricane
And heard the waters roar.
2. We pray for those who watched the storm
Destroy the life they knew,
Who wait in shelters, tired and worn,
And wonder what to do.
3. We thank you, God, for acts of love
Not bound by race or creed,
For hands that reach across the flood
To all who are in need.
4. We pray for others far away
Who've seen destruction, too;
We look beyond ourselves, for they
Are also loved by you.
5. We pray that leaders of our land
Will heed creation's cry,
And bravely care and take a stand
For earth and sea and sky.
6. Where rains flood cities, homes and towns
May we go out to be
A witness that your love abounds
In each community.

Tune: Virginia Harmony, 1831 Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900.
AMAZING GRACE CM ("Amazing Grace")

Alternative Tune: ST. ANNE CM Attr. William Croft, 1708
("Our God, Our Help in Ages Past").

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New Hymns: www.carolynshymns.com/

Gift of the Heart Kits

for Church World Service



CWS Hygiene Kit

Supplies needed:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.

Value: \$15

Processing fee: \$2 per Kit

*Do not enclose money inside the kits or in the shipping boxes.

Thank you! Thousands of the kits have already been shipped from Church World Service & Brethren Service.

Your kits will replenish the warehouses for the next disaster.

Bring to the District Resource Center, or District Conference

CWS Emergency Cleanup

Buckets



Supplies needed:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid
(If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs non surgical latex gloves
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

All cleaning items must be new— all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Value: \$75

Processing fee: \$3 per Kit

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