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HOPEww Responds to South Carolina Flood

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An intense and historic flood disaster, unrelated to Hurricane Joaquin, but influenced by it, continues to unfold with South Carolina taking the brunt of the tropical deluge. Some communities near Charleston have recorded more than two feet of rain in three days.

The result of this onslaught of water is some of the worst flooding residents have ever seen. Widespread evacuations and water rescues are underway in neighborhoods near bodies of water that are overflowing their banks. Local officials report that the city of Georgetown, South Carolina, was under four feet of water.

The HOPE *worldwide* U.S. Disaster Services Team is working closely with local Chapter volunteers in South Carolina. They will be attempting to mobilize resources and volunteers to help and support our families affected by this storm. Click here to support flood victims >

HOPE *worldwide* Vice President of the Community Services Division, Antonio Boyd, who lives in Columbia, South Carolina, is coordinating with our national partners and local authorities in Columbia and Charleston.

Many roads and bridges are being washed away by the torrents of water as rivers and streams soar well above their normal height. The situation is so bad that the South Carolina Department of Public Safety reports that the entire 74-mile stretch of Interstate 95 between I-20 and I-26 is closed due to flooding.

Fifteen people are now reported dead in weather-related incidents in South Carolina. At least 600 National Guardsmen, 11 aircraft and eight swift water rescue teams worked to rescue people from turbulent floodwaters over the weekend. They performed more than 200 water rescues between Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, the state Emergency Management Division said.

State officials described it as a 1,000-year storm – referring to weather terminology describing a storm with a 1-in-1,000 chance of happening in any given year.

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October 17-31, 2015

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Help the Munich Church Help Refugees

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Every day the media show us images of tens of thousands of refugees from Syria and Iraq pouring through the borders of Southern Europe to seek asylum in the countries of Europe. The vast majority of refugees will be taken in by Germany, and you'll be encouraged to know that good-hearted Germans, including disciples from the Munich International Church of Christ, are helping to meet the needs as the trains arrive there.

They've volunteered since last year at refugee help centers and temporary shelters, handing out water, food and clothes, and building tents and places for these refugees to be housed until they move to more permanent quarters. These believers see the needs and try to meet them as best they can, but with winter approaching there is added urgency to make sure the refugees are warm, fed and safe until they can reach the locations across the country where they will stay for the next year.

On the weekend of September 25-27, volunteers from Munich took a convoy of three trucks with food, clothing and medical supplies to a refugee aid station on the border between Croatia and Serbia. Roughly 3500 refugees cross there daily as they move west, and many are still in the clothes they wore when the escaped the fighting. The Munich volunteers brought supplies for about 2500 people which were quickly distributed. Another trip is planned for the weekend of October 9-11 as the cold weather sets in.

The Central Jersey Church of Christ has set a goal to raise $20,000 to help with the costs that the Munich church encounters as they try to meet these needs. We're calling on other congregations within our fellowship to help with this task, and we offer to provide wire transfer and local coordination to see that the money gets where it's needed most. Already a donation has been sent from the US that will help with the next supply trip.

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