Introduction to Disaster Relief Ministry

Our primary goal is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and we have seen that when a natural disaster hits a community it not only affects the community physically but as a result it also affects them emotionally and spiritually. We have found that a Disaster Ministry is one of the hardest ministries to maintain but it is also one of the most rewarding. Hard to maintain because you must attract a hundred likeminded, Jesus loving, Servants so when an event happens (maybe 1-4 times a year) ten of those one hundred can respond due to schedule or finances. Rewarding in that this ministry changes people's lives, not only those that we minister to but also those that do the ministering.

Pastor Lloyd Puley CC Old Bridge states after Hurricane Sandy we learned that,

- Hundreds of passionate and trained individuals within Calvary Chapels can come alongside local Calvary Chapels in affected areas, using the local churches as hubs for relief organization and outreach. In this way, relief teams coming in from throughout the country help to build the local church's voice throughout that community, and that voice is a lasting one. Communities begin to see that the local Calvary Chapel, no matter its size, is part of the broader body of Christ that is willing to come in and help people rebuild their lives physically and above all, spiritually. For example, the impact that we had through Calvary Chapel Relief after Superstorm Sandy enabled us to have an incredible and ongoing relationship with a number of towns along the Jersey Shore. This gave Calvary Chapel unprecedented latitude in the community and even in some cases, keys to the city. Normally we won't get such media visibility as did the Calvary Chapel in Puerto Rico with President Trump's recent visit there, but this is what church-based relief work can do.

- Calvary Chapel Relief work in a region helps to bolster church plants in the area, as we have seen after Superstorm Sandy. As more and more areas are affected and more needs are known, Calvary pastors plant churches and begin Bible studies in hard-hit regions that did not previously have a strong church presence.

- God does an incredible work unifying the body of Christ through relief work. Teams from throughout the nation - a venerable army of God's

people - unite and work side-by-side to bring supplies, muck-out homes, and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This unifying work goes back home with these teams and affects sending churches throughout the nation. The body of Christ is indeed on the move, empowered by God's Spirit!

1. Get your Head Pastors approval. (I'm sure you already have this, but you need to Define what his vision for this ministry is?)
    a. Define your Mission.

Our Mission is to deploy followers of Jesus Christ to a Calvary Chapel church that has been affected by a disaster and to minister to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the people in the immediate area. We are a first response organization and focus on the initial phase of the disaster.

2. Establish the Ministry
    a. Set your Goals. Define your Mission Statement.
    b. To establish a Full Time/ 365 day a year Disaster Ministry?
    c. A team that can respond within 2 – 7 days of a Disaster.
    d. A second team that follows to relieve the first team and continue the work?
    e. Disaster Relief Team - Create a core group/ Leadership Team of trained individuals that can deploy
    f. Recruit an admin team/committee.
        i. Team Lead
        ii. Fund Raising/Event Coordinator
        iii. Public Relations Director
            1. Media Producer
            2. Website Programmer
    g. Set Team Requirements
    h. Create Protocols
    i. Define your Budget.
    j. PR
        i. Name it
        ii. Promote it
        iii. Create a Web Site
        iv. Have a direct Phone #

        v. Print Advertisement
3. Team Requirements
    a. Mature men and women in the Lord.
    b. Youth under direct parental or leadership supervision.
    c. Trained in Patient Evangelism (Hope in Crisis, Billy graham training)
    d. Trained in Grief & Trauma. CISM Training
4. Find Mentors in Disaster Response
    a. Pastor llyoyd Pulley.
    b. Pastor Lance Cook, Calvary La Habra, CA.
    c. Pastor John Snoderly, CC Crossroads Anitoch, CA.
    d. Samaritans Purse.
5. Find Champions in Local organizations to connect with the community.
    a. Disaster Org. VOAD
    b. Police
    c. Fire
6. What are some areas where you can get plugged in?
7. Before Initial Recruitment Meeting
    a. Set a date for roll out.
    b. Announce in Bulletin
    c. Announce from the podium (Most Important)
    d. Announce with Video.
    e. Have an information flyer to hand out.
    f. Have an information Table.
    g. Sign Up list.
8. Initial Recruitment Meting
    a. Sign Up list.
    b. Share the vision of the ministry.
    c. Orientation to the ministry.
    d. Schedule Training.
        i. What is involved in a deployment.
        ii. What to Sat What Not to.
        iii. Grief and trauma.
9. Deploy
    a. Find an event to deploy to.
    b. Encourage Weather Watchers.

c. Pray, Stand By, Deploy.

Stage 2

1. Set Protocols and Procedures.

a. Team Lead Responsibilities.