



DISASTER RESPONSE

SWID Nazarene Disaster Response to Hurricane Helene.

Our Nazarene Disaster Response ministry has contacted several district superintendents (DS) in the region and while several churches close to the disaster are already serving and supporting the initial response, there has not been a call put out for teams by Nazarene Compassionate Ministries at this moment due to search and rescue, road closures, etc., but that may change in the coming weeks.

So, what can we do now?

1. **PRAY.** First and most important, you can pray. Pray for those who have suffered unimaginable loss and are without many of the basic necessities for everyday living. Pray for the restoration of utilities, roads, health care services and other basic needs. Pray for protection for those who have been displaced and those who are providing relief. Pray that those providing relief will demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus in all that they do. Pray that those suffering will be open to hearing the Gospel in spite of their overwhelming circumstances.

2. **GIVE** to SWID Disaster Response efforts. We are currently working with a DS in North Carolina to get supplies to the area. We plan on taking bottled water and flood buckets very soon and will likely make additional trips in the near future. Donations to SWID Disaster Response will be used to purchase bottled water and additional supplies for SWID response efforts. Use the QR code or this link (<https://tinyurl.com/SWID-Disaster-Response>) to support SWID Disaster Response.



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3. **GIVE** to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM). You can give through your local church or give directly to NCM Hurricane Helene relief online. Use the QR code or this link (<https://give.ncm.org/donate/140055>) to give to NCM online.



4. **ASSEMBLE** Flood Buckets (aka, Cleaning Kits). SWID will exhaust their current inventory of 70 Flood Buckets with the initial trip. You can help us by putting together more Flood Buckets! Use the QR code or this link (<https://tinyurl.com/Flood-Buckets>) for information and instructions on assembling Flood Buckets.



5. **VOLUNTEER.** You can volunteer your time and talents. If you have access to a box truck and are willing to drive supplies to the relief area, please contact the SWID district office. Or, you can volunteer to be on a NCM Disaster Response Volunteer team and assist when called upon. We are, however, several weeks from organizing teams to deploy to the area. Use the QR code or this link (<https://tinyurl.com/NCM-Volunteer>) to sign up to be a member of a disaster response team.



If you have any questions, contact Pastor Bill or the SWID Nazarene district office. Contact information for the district office can be found at www.SWIDNazarene.org.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...”

~ Matthew 25:35