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**EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE RESPONDS TO FLOODING IN LOUISIANA**

Tupelo, MS – Eight Days of Hope (EDOH) is sending its Rapid Response Ministry to respond to the extreme flooding in Lake Charles, LA. The devastation is overwhelming, and this is the fourth large storm in less than a year to impact the area.

“It’s unimaginable to face one natural disaster in your lifetime. I cannot fathom facing four in less than a year. Our hearts go out to those affected in Louisiana, and we are humbled to be able to come and serve these families in need,” said Stephen Tybor III, EDOH President and CEO.

EDOH will stay in the area from May 27 to June 12 with its headquarters at Mount Olive Baptist Church. Work will be done to remove debris, to mud-out water-filled homes, and to dry these homes to prevent mold growth. If you or someone you know was impacted by the storm in Lake Charles and needs assistance, please contact [info@eightdaysofhope.com](mailto:info@eightdaysofhope.com).

Volunteers can begin arriving on Wednesday, May 26. The first full day of volunteering will be on Thursday, May 27. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, and food and lodging will be provided. To volunteer, please visit [www.eightdaysofhope.com](http://www.eightdaysofhope.com) to register and for additional information.

“If you have the time and the ability to help, we encourage you to join us in Louisiana. Come and help fix a house or two, and more importantly, bring hope those impacted by the flooding,” said Tybor.

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Except for a small staff, Eight Days of Hope is an all-volunteer organization. We serve all people regardless of race, gender, religion or ethnicity. Please visit [www.eightdaysofhope.com](http://www.eightdaysofhope.com) for more information, to provide financial support, or to volunteer.