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EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE PREPARES RESPONSE TO HURRICANE HELENE

Tupelo, MS – Eight Days of Hope (EDOH) is preparing to respond to Hurricane Helene, which is expected to make landfall in Florida late Thursday evening as a Category 3 storm. Experts are estimating that the storm surge and damage could leave areas of Florida without power for weeks.

Early Friday morning, EDOH's Mass Feeding Ministry will deploy to the devastated area. Already, thousands of meals are prepared, and EDOH will be able to serve the community where we set up within hours of arriving. All details regarding this outreach will be shared at www.eightdaysofhope.com.

"A storm of this magnitude is beyond heartbreaking. We are praying for all those who are in the path of Hurricane Helene – especially for safety and the protection of life as this storm hits," says Chandler Gurley, EDOH Director of Operations. "We have been preparing over the past few days to bring hope to those impacted, both through our Mass Feeding and Rapid Response Ministries. Volunteers arrived at our headquarters yesterday to load trailers, prepare meals, and plan our response. We will begin making our way to Florida on Friday, and as plans unfold, we invite you to join us in serving those impacted by the wake of Helene."

At this time, EDOH anticipates the need for our Rapid Response Ministry to deploy. Once Hurricane Helene begins to dissipate, EDOH will begin working with local community leaders and churches to identify the areas in need and launch a deployment. Any updates and volunteer needs regarding our Rapid Response Ministry will be shared at www.eightdaysofhope.com.

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