

DISASTER RELIEF IMPACT REPORT

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Summary of Relief and Recovery

The General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi responds to human need during natural disasters through the support of its member churches, associations, and partners around the country. Efforts include immediate relief and long-term recovery organized through the Home Missions office in coordination with Disaster Relief teams and the Laymen auxiliary.

On Friday, March 24, cities and towns in the Mississippi delta were impacted by a massive tornado that resulted in the loss of dozens of lives and devastated Rolling Fork, MS. On Saturday, March 25, President Buckley, Vice-President At-Large Jesse Horton and Home Missions Secretary Willie Tobias were at ground zero assessing the damage, surveying the needs and determining the best response that GMBSC could provide. Within three days, GMBSC was engaged in a multi-approach relief effort providing assistance to residents, creating partnerships with local, state and federal agencies, and organizing an opportunity for convention churches, neighbors and concerned friends from around the nation to support relief missions.

This impact report will provide an overview of the goals that have been met, the missions that have been undertaken, and the ongoing work that GMBSC is supporting in the rebuilding and recovery of the Rolling Fork community. Without question, GMBSC is leading the way in providing visible work and credible witness of God's love to those whose lives have been turned upside-down and His closeness to those who are brokenhearted with grief. Because of your heart to give, your mind to serve, and your spirit to care, we have touched countless with the hands of Christ feeding, encouraging, rebuilding, and clothing.

On behalf of the officers, board of directors, and members of GMBSC, I say thank you for caring and bless you for giving to these efforts of relief and recovery. I am indeed reminded that when we all do what we can, everything we do will look like a miracle.

REV. REGINALD M. BUCKLEY
GMBSC, PRESIDENT



Short-Term Relief

Short-term relief efforts are those that respond to immediate needs of people who have been impacted by natural disasters. These include things like personal supplies, materials, food, monetary and housing support.

There are 4 means we use to minister short-term relief.



MATERIAL GOODS AND SUPPLIES

By donations provided through GMBSC churches, associations and a host of out-of-state contributions, GMBSC has organized efforts to receive, deliver, and distribute needed supplies and materials to families and individuals in need.



MEAL DISTRIBUTION

Immediately following the storm, Home Missions and Laymen were mobilized to organize feeding days. Head chef and organizer, Rev. Melvin Motton, Secretary Tobias, and Exec. Director L. C. Mitchell have led in the food preparation and distribution efforts to date.



MONETARY SUPPORT

Restoration after a devastating disaster is sometimes best accomplished through direct monetary support. Gift card allow people to get the things they need most. Primarily through associational support, GMBSC is providing direct financial assistance.



PARTNERING

Credible work creates credible partnerships. GMBSC is pleased to partner with many groups inside and outside of Mississippi to bring relief to Rolling Fork residents.



Material Goods and Supplies



When I was naked you clothed me
(Mt. 25:36)

Together, we have sent two 18-wheeler and two 26ft truck loads of goods and supplies to Rolling Fork. These goods were requested during the most critical time of relief as residents were left in many cases without basic necessities. Goods collected and delivered include:

- Clothing and personal care items for men, women, boys and girls
- Diapers, formula, blankets, baby wipes, bottles, baby food
- Paper goods, utensils, personal hygiene items, adult diapers, female undergarments
- Tarps, grills, charcoal, buckets, trash bags, batteries, storage containers

Dates of Mission	Activity / Project	Data / Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 29 • April 12 • April 26 • May 3 • May 10 • May 27 	<p>Regional and associational materials and supply coordination</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received, organized and delivered clothing and material goods valued in excess of \$275,000.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 20 • May 8 • May 17 	<p>Out-of-state materials and supply coordination</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received, delivered and/or coordinated delivery of supplies from Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama and Texas valued in excess of \$75,000



Meal Distribution



When I was hungry you fed me (Mt. 25:35)



A large part of our relief efforts has centered around feeding residents and other relief workers hot meals. Through the dedicated efforts of Rev. Melvin Motton, Bro. Brooks and rotating teams of laymen, contributing churches providing side dishes, and partnering organizations, GMBSC became the go-to place for tasty, well-prepared food that brought comfort to the discomforted.

Dates of Mission

Activity / Project

Impact / Outcome

- March 29
- April 3
- April 12
- April 26
- May 3
- May 9
- May 17
- May 24
- June 7
- June 13
- June 21



On-site feeding

- Prepared, served, and/or delivered over 6000 free, hot meals. At an average cost of \$8.00 per plate, GMBSC made a \$48,000 impact.



Monetary Support



I was a stranger and you took me in
(Mt. 25:34)

Through the support of GMBSC churches, associations, and organizations across the nation, GMBSC was able to provide almost \$10,000 worth of gift cards to Rolling Fork residents and help provide temporary housing for individuals staying in hotels.

Dates of Mission	Activity / Project	Impact / Outcome
April 13 May 17 June 13	Distribution of gift cards during feeding events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Residents received gift card in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100, and \$500 dollars.

Partnerships



I was a stranger and you took me in
(Mt. 25:34)

GMBCS is grateful to have incredible associations that have supported these relief efforts. The tasks are too great for any one entity, but together, we can accomplish much to the glory of God. The following is a list of those GMBCS associations that have partnered directly with the convention to support our disaster relief efforts to date. This list does not include those associations that have sent aid directly to impacted areas.

GMBCS Associations	Moderator	Impact / Outcome
Spring Hill District Missionary Baptist Association	Rev. Clifton Boggans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Material goods and supplies
Madison County Baptist Association of Churches	Rev. Otis Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$22,000 cash donation• Material goods and supplies
Antioch Missionary Baptist Association	Rev. Melvin White	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$15,969 cash donation• Material goods and supplies
Gulf Coast Baptist District Association	Rev. Allen Jenkins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$3500 gift cards• Material goods and supplies
Sardis Baptist District Association	Rev. Zannie Leland	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$5500
Claiborne County Baptist Association		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1000
Jackson District Congress of Christian Education	Rev. F. R. Lenoir Rev. Marek Walker, President	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1000
Jackson District Association	Rev. F. R. Lenoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1000• Material goods and supplies
Grenada Baptist District Association	Rev. Clarence Buchanan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Material goods and supplies



Partnerships

Around the state and country, other churches, conventions, and organizations sowed into the good ground of GMBSC to keep the missions of relief active. We are thankful for their partnership with us and their confidence in us.

Churches, Conventions and Organizations. - \$10,001 - \$15,000

St. Paul M. B. Church - Charlotte, NC

Churches, Conventions and Organizations. - \$5,001 - \$10,000

Keep Climbing Family Foundation

Southern Poverty Law Center

Churches, Conventions, and Organizations - \$2,501 - \$5,000

Good Hope Baptist Church - Lafayette, LA

Humana

House of Refuge Fellowship Church - Bremerton, WA



Partnerships

Middle District Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina

Churches, Conventions, Organizations. - \$2,501 - \$5,000

Liberty M. B. Church - Canton, MS

Mount Hope Baptist Church - Canton, MS

North Mississippi Baptist Education Convention

Pilgrim M. B. Church - Natchez, MS

Stephen Chapel M. B. Church - Columbus, MS

St. Mark Baptist Church - Natchez, MS

St. Paul M. B. Church - Lafayette, LA

Churches, Conventions, and Organizations - \$1,001 - \$2,500

College Hill M. B. Church - Jackson, MS



Partnerships

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Baptist State Convention of Indiana (PNBC) and Baptist Ministers Conference of Gary and Vicinity

Mount Olive M. B. Church - Sibley, MS

Mt. Hope Baptist Church - Canton, MS

New Bethel Baptist Church - Canton, MS

Pine Grove M. B. Church - Canton, MS

Pleasant Green M.B. Church - Canton, MS

Pleasant Gift Baptist Church - Canton, MS

Second M. B. Church - Moss Point, MS

Minnesota State Baptist Convention



Partnerships

Churches, Conventions, and Organizations - \$500 - \$1000

Buckhorn M. B. Church - Canton, MS
Greater Fairview M. B. Church - Jackson, MS
Greater Saint Matthew M. B. Church - Canton, MS
Humble M.B. Church - Canton, MS
Morning Star M. B. Church - Gulfport, MS
Mount Calvary Baptist Church - Tougaloo, MS
Mount Sinai Baptist Church - Natchez, MS
Mount Olive Baptist Church - Roxie, MS
Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church - Natchez, MS
Mount Pleasant M.B. Church - Canton, MS
Mount Zion Baptist Church - Natchez, MS
New Bethel Baptist Church - Bude, MS
New Bethel M. B. Church - Canton, MS
New Bethel Baptist Church - Jackson, MS
New Greater St. Matthew Baptist Church - Woodville, MS
New Zion Baptist Church #1 - Natchez, MS
Pine Grove M. B. Church - Canton, MS
Pleasant Grove M.B. Church - Canton, MS
Priestly Chapel M.B. Church - Canton, MS
Progressive National Baptist Convention
Ridley Hill Baptist Church - Madison, MS
Riverside Baptist Church - Monroe, LA
Rose Hill Baptist Church #1 - Natchez, MS
Rose Hill 2nd Zion - Woodville, MS
Roxie First Baptist Church - Roxie, MS
Second Baptist Church - Danville, IL
St. John Baptist Church #1 - Woodville, MS
Smithland Baptist Church - Natchez, MS
South Liberty M. B. Church - Canton, MS
St. Mark M. B. Church - Canton, MS
True Faith M. B. Church - Canton, MS
Union Baptist Church - Crosby, MS



Partnerships

Churches, Conventions, and Organizations - \$100 - \$499

Cedar Grove M. B. Church - Canton, MS
Jackson District Deaconess Ministry - Jackson, MS
Jerusalem Baptist Church - Natchez, MS
Macedonia Baptist Church - Canton, MS
Mercy Seat Baptist Church - Natchez, MS
Mount Calvary Baptist Church - Canton, MS
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church - Vidalia, MS
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church - Madison, MS
Strangers Home M. B. Church - Greenwood, MS
St. Peter Baptist Church - Natchez, MS
Providence Baptist Church - Natchez, MS

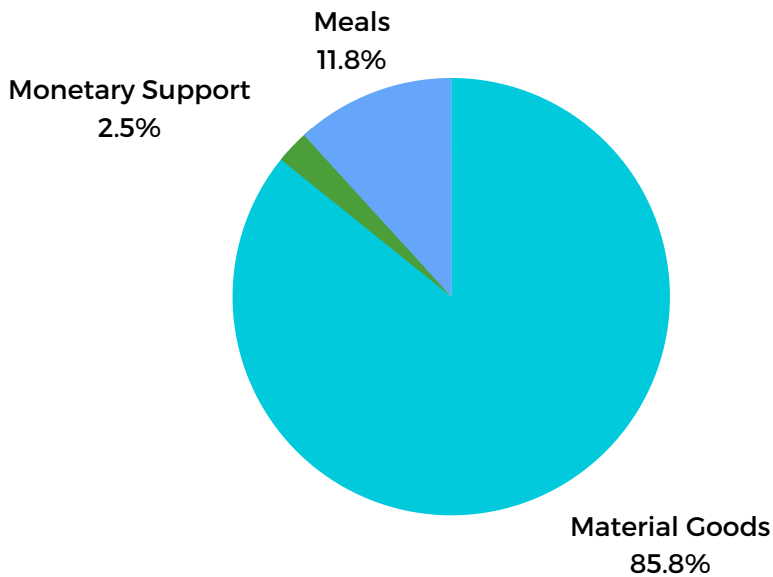
We are also grateful for a host of individuals, too many to list, who have donated to the relief efforts of GMBSC

Measuring our Impact

Sometimes it can be difficult putting a number on the impact made in relief efforts, given that such efforts usually involve volunteer hours, donations, and comparing actual costs versus market costs. However, our best data allows us to offer these impact numbers.

Short-Term Relief Breakdown

Our relief impact in real numbers



Material Goods and Supplies
\$350,000
estimated value

Meals and Community Day Support
\$48,000
6000 meals @ \$8.00/plate

Monetary and Housing Support
\$9,200



Total number of volunteer hours
1,260



92%

92% of our relief was supported by volunteers

Estimated Impact
\$416,335

Next Steps

Where do we go from here?

As our short-term relief efforts are shifting now to long-term recovery, we are beginning to organize efforts around rebuilding houses for the uninsured and under-insured. This effort will be led by Disaster Relief Director Jesse Horton, who will organize work teams, coordinate with residents and ensure that the most vulnerable are restored with quality housing. The images below are scenes from a rebuild supported completely by Emmanuel Baptist Church in Jackson.

01



This house was leveled to its foundation.

02



As did Nehemiah, the walls are being rebuilt.

03



If you have a mind to build, join a work team today!



Continue to pray for the recovery and rebuilding of Rolling Fork.
If you desire to contribute to the ongoing efforts or volunteer on
an upcoming mission, contact Rev. Jesse Horton or Rev. Willie
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