



CGBA Disaster Relief
2020-2021

This past year, “A Cup of Water in Jesus’ name” was given by Cape Girardeau Baptist Association’s Disaster Relief Units and its volunteers to victims of disasters in Missouri and Louisiana.

Wind events---straight line and tornadoes in Missouri---allowed CGBA Chainsaw Unit to use their skills in Gideon and Dexter. Each time there were 3 volunteers from our Association who responded. Also, responding to the Dexter event were 1 for the Incident Command Center and 1 as an Assessor.

Hurricanes and Louisiana are synonymous as this report will show. Starting in September, 2020, after Hurricane Laura, the SEMO Kitchen arrived in De Ridder, Louisiana. While there, 4 volunteers from CGBA helped prepare the 80,070 meals that were sent out, 4 volunteers used chainsaws for a week to clear debris, and 2 people were involved in the Incident Command Center as part of the Incident Management Team.

Immediately on the heels of Laura came Hurricane Delta. The feeding unit relocated to Lafayette, LA. 2 CGBA volunteers were part of the team which prepared 20,500 meals at this location.

Hurricane Season 2021, found the former CBGA Feeding Unit, now the state’s unit, in Mandeville, Louisiana, following Hurricane Ida. Once again there were 4 volunteers for the feeding team, 3 volunteers for the chainsaw team and 2 volunteers for the Incident Management Team. This operation is still ongoing. Projected closing date is Oct. 10.

Outside of the wind and hurricane responses this past year, 2 volunteers have responded to training sessions in 5 locations, helped provide a meal for the Missouri Baptist Convention staffs’ training and made numerous trips to Jefferson City to make sure all is ready for the next response. Plus, 4 other volunteers have gone to several trainings to recruit volunteers.

As always, Disaster Relief is looking for people to volunteer in the times of need. Won’t you consider how you can be a part of this effort? Check the [**mobaptist.org/dr**](https://mobaptist.org/dr) for training dates.

Thank you for the prayers, the financial support, the volunteering, and the leadership that has come from this Association.

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