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## **Christian Appalachian Project Prepares to Assist Flood Victims**

Disaster Relief and Operation Sharing Evaluates Needs in Eastern Kentucky

APPALACHIA – (July 29, 2022) Christian Appalachian Project's (CAP) Disaster Relief Program and Operation Sharing Program are coordinating efforts after devastating flooding struck multiple Kentucky counties, affecting more than 100,000 people.

First responders are on the ground conducting search and rescue, but more rain is expected in the coming days. CAP is standing by and is prepared to help once the water has receded and teams can conduct assessments.

"We are grateful for the concern that CAP supporters and donors have for our participant families in the affected areas," said Robyn Renner, director of CAP's Disaster Relief Program. "Once First Responders have completed their essential and critical work, CAP will stand ready to answer the call and assist families in need in Eastern Kentucky."

It is early in the recovery stage, but our program staff will have additional information available about how to give to help families as well as volunteer opportunities.

"Many of the areas served by CAP have been devastated by flooding and we are already receiving calls for help," said Renner, who has trained and deployed teams through many emergency responses in the region. "CAP will deploy staff and resources once the water crests and begins to go down. We are working as quickly as we can to determine where CAP can be most effective."

Renner will be coordinating muck out teams to help remove mud and flood water from inside homes. She also organizes tear out teams comprised of CAP staff and community volunteers who remove wet flooring, drywall, and insulation in order to let everything dry out before black mold sets in. In addition to deploying relief assistance, CAP's Operation Sharing distribution warehouse will also be getting supplies to families in need.

If you wish to support CAP's efforts to provide flood relief, please visit our website at <u>www.christianapp.org</u> and follow us on social media for updates about CAP's response. Disaster Relief will need financial donations and volunteers to meet immediate and long-term needs to help families recovering from flooding.

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About Christian Appalachian Project

Christian Appalachian Project has been building hope, transforming lives, and sharing Christ's love through service in Appalachia since our founding nearly 60 years ago. With the help of donors, volunteers, staff, and the communities it serves, CAP has grown to impact the lives of more than 1.5 million people each year. For more information about CAP, visit christianapp.org.