

TEXAS DISASTER REBUILD IMPACT MINISTRIES GO TEAM

Application Deadline: December 19, 2018

Approximate Trip Dates: April 6 – 13, 2019

Trip ID# TX0419



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Purpose: Blackhawk Church will be sending this team to come alongside the disaster rebuild efforts of Samaritan's Purse being conducted in Texas. In late August 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas, resulting in catastrophic rainfall-triggered flooding in the Houston metropolitan area. The resulting floods destroyed affected hundreds of homes and displaced more than 30,000 people. It is tied with Hurricane Katrina in terms of cost of damages. Samaritan's Purse is dedicated to meeting critical needs in disaster affected regions and have been assisting in Texas since November of 2017. Samaritan's Purse expects that their rebuild efforts will last a minimum of 2 more years. This team will help with rebuild efforts in Pearland, TX by repairing homes on working on new home construction. Please know that if another natural disaster were to hit prior to the team's departure, we may re-route to provide assistance in a new location.

Trip Dates: The trip will be **April 6 – 13, 2019**. The trip will be 7 days long.

Team Members: The team will be approximately 8-10 people. Per GO Team policy, applying for a trip does not guarantee you a spot on the team. You will be notified about final application decisions within a few weeks of the application deadline. Applicants must be at least 21 years old. It is important that our team members are mature, available, humble and flexible, and would make a positive contribution to the team. Team members will be expected to be actively involved at Blackhawk in addition to this trip. Team members must be able to work in a warm/humid climate, and be on their feet for 8+ hours a day.

Application Process: After reviewing this document and praying about your decision to apply, please fill-out the [online GO Team Application](#) by **11:59 pm on Wednesday, December 19, 2018**, *the sooner the better*. After reviewing applications, some applicants may be asked to meet with trip leaders and/or members from the Global Impact team to discuss their application.

Who is leading this trip?

Brad Wegner

Accommodations: Samaritan's Purse provides accommodations, typically in the form of a nearby church. Team members will be expected to bring a cot/air mattress (more details will be provided). The whole team will share a large room at the church (cots arranged along the borders of the room).

Safety/Medical Concerns: Disaster rebuild work comes with certain medical concerns – Samaritan's Purse requires a safety briefing for all team members, and they provide safety equipment and tools. Their staff will assess homes at the work site and will note any structural damage that could be a hazard. We also recommend looking at the CDC's resources and health information for disaster relief volunteers (<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/volunteers.html>).

There have been confirmed cases of Zika in the Houston area within the last year. All team members should take necessary precautions to prevent mosquito bites and the potential spread of Zika virus. Please visit the CDC's website to learn more about Zika (<https://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>) and take note of prevention and transmission info (<https://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/index.html>).

We monitor the security situation in any destination, including TX. We will continue to monitor all upcoming news related to traveler safety.

Cost of Trip: The trip will cost approximately **\$500-600** per participant (pending budget finalizations). A support raising goal in this range will be announced at the first team meeting. Though it is not required, team members may choose to contribute an initial financial gift in the amount of their choice to help with start-up funds and early expenses. The rest is to be raised through supporters (family, friends, etc.). Each team member is required to:

- 1) Send out support letters
- 2) Attend the scheduled training meetings.
 1. Meeting #1: Sunday, January 20 at 2pm
 2. Meeting #2: Sunday, February 24 at 2pm
 3. Meeting #3: Sunday, March 10 at 2pm

To Prepare for the Trip: Pray that God will direct the team leadership to choose the team members that He wants to be a part of this trip. Pray for God to prepare your heart for what He has for you during this trip. Pray for your teammates and leaders, and the people you will meet in Texas.

If you are selected to be on the team you may need some vaccinations and medications and will need to make an appointment with one of the local Travel Medicine Clinics (contact your primary physician). If you have not been on a short-term trip before you should do this as early as possible as some of the vaccinations require repeat visits. We will go over this during the first meeting.

Climate in Texas: In April temperatures will typically range from highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s. Recommended clothing will be provided at a later date.

Questions? Contact one of the following:

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