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Hurricane Harvey

August 28, 2017



**An update from Disaster Aid USA's Executive Director, Kenneth "Larry" Agee**

Historic flooding in Texas and into Louisiana with bands of rain bringing small tornadoes that cause their own problems. The rain, water, and flooding are expected to continue through Thursday.

Both DAUSA's gulf coast domestic trailers are in use and its team leaders from Louisiana and Texas are attending VOAD and EOC meetings. The storm is still happening, so only certain things can be done now. Money for supplies and equipment are needed asap to purchase and rent more equipment; water pumps, pressure washers, demolition equipment, cleaning supplies including spray to prohibit mold, tools for removal of wet wall board, insulation and other water damaged building materials.

Our DAUSA Texas Response Team, in Houston, is made up of many Rotary District leaders and is equipped with a trailer working in the Cypress (Houston) area where a small tornado hit. This team will move to other areas when the storm subsides.

Our Louisiana Response Team's trailer has been moved to high ground in Lake Charles, LA and Larry Agee is attending the EOC (Emergency Operation Center) meetings regularly in Louisiana as a disaster relief organization and initial guest of the Mayor of Sulphur, LA, Rotarian Chris Duncan. Larry is also working with local SAR (Search And Rescue) and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) groups.

Larry said, "We are expected to get another 10" of rain in the next 2-days and a lot problems are developing here also. Many homes and neighborhoods are already under water in SWLA. Ditches, rivers, etc. have been full for 2-days and the brunt of the storm is just hitting us. Presently, Texas is in serious trouble. If DAUSA's temporary emergency response boat is not needed here in Louisiana, then it will head to Houston as EOC and VOAD, (Volunteer Organization Assisting in Disaster) have been notified."

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