



ABHMS Seeks Volunteers for Various Rebuilding Efforts

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 6/5/13)—American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) seeks volunteers to help rebuild homes, churches, communities and lives devastated by natural disaster.

New Jersey

While the first two weeks of the Hurricane Sandy response effort “Coming Together for New Jersey...Rebuild, Renew and Restore” took place May 4-11 and June 1-8, volunteers are needed July 13-20 and Aug. 10-17. This effort is co-sponsored by American Baptist Churches of New Jersey.

Louisiana

Continuing eight years after hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged the Gulf Coast, Ecumenical Work Week is slated for Aug. 4-10 in New Orleans. This year’s effort will once again include painting, laying sheet rock, cutting grass and running errands. Neither construction skills nor training is required. Unskilled volunteers will be supervised by skilled workers.

Oklahoma

American Baptist Men USA is currently providing tornado cleanup in Moore, Okla., but ABHMS seeks additional volunteers to send via Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. From debris removal to donation resource center work, volunteer opportunities for all ages and skill levels are available. A \$10 charge per person per day provides sleeping space, showers and three meals. Please bring your own bedding and tools if possible.

For additional information and to register for volunteer mission opportunities, visit www.abhms.org and click “Volunteer,” or contact Victoria Goff, ABHMS national coordinator, Volunteer Ministries, at victoria.goff@abhms.org, 800-222-3872, x2449, or 610-768-2449.

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