

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM
CWS EMERGENCY SITUATION REPORT: 2009 SOUTHEASTERN U.S. FLOODING
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SITUATION

Torrential downpours saturated much of the Southeastern U.S. in the last week, killing at least 10 people and inflicting an estimated \$250 million in damage in Georgia alone. Parts of Alabama, eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina are also saturated. Some 22 inches of rain fell across the area in 72 hours, swelling creeks and rivers that are only now beginning to drain. Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue has petitioned President Obama for federal disaster assistance..

In Georgia, as many as 3,000 homes have sustained damage, with assessments on hold in many areas until water recedes. More than 300 people remain in emergency shelters, and voluntary agencies have set up 18 feeding sites across flood-affected Georgia.

CWS RESPONSE

CWS Emergency Response Specialist Joann Hale has been in contact with members of Georgia Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster.

CWS is providing an initial shipment of material resources to Unity in Disasters, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rome, Ga.: 1,860 CWS Hygiene Kits, 500 CWS Emergency Clean-up Buckets, 200 CWS Emergency Blankets, 2,010 CWS School Kits, 4,600 protective latex gloves and 1,500 protective masks. Estimated value is \$81,322.

CWS staff will continue to monitor the situation for training and project development needs as relief continues and recovery begins.

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