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Dear Church Leaders,

As you are aware, the city of Houston is experiencing the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. This city that I love is weathering the largest hurricane to hit Texas in 20 years. To offer some perspective, the lowest barometric pressure ever recorded in Texas has been holding this storm in place for the better part of a day and a half. And there is no end in sight.

Hurricane Harvey continues to draw moisture from the Gulf of Mexico and is pounding the city of Houston with the dirty side of the storm. Neighborhoods are getting 5-6 inches of rain in a single hour, and some have reported 20 inches in a 24 hour period. As you can imagine, no city can handle that kind of rainfall, much less the 4th largest city in the United States. It's unprecedented. Saturday night there were reports of families crawling into their attics to escape rising flood waters. By this morning, first responders had rescued thousands of Houstonians.

We are in touch with our church family to assess their immediate needs. And we will begin organizing teams to help as soon as possible. I don't know what the full impact on the city will be. I don't know how much longer the storm will continue. What I do know is that we need your help. And as a fellow pastor, let me say this - we need it soon.

If you would be willing to send a team to Houston equipped with tools and supplies to assist in cleanup and recovery, Ecclesia will provide housing for you. We are also looking for opportunities to provide breakfast each morning as well as morning devotions and prayer for your team.

Whether you are able to send a team or would like to make a donation, click the link below. You'll find a list of needed tools and supplies for recovery efforts as well. We will be in touch to coordinate details with you. In the meantime, please pray for God's mercy and safety as our church family weathers this storm.

God bless you,

Chris