

WILL YOU JOIN THE QRT?



We've announced it, talked about it, prayed over it. Now it's time to get serious about it. The BTS plan to equip our ministry to be able to respond quickly when Samaritan's Purse calls for volunteers is to create a Quick Response Team (imagine that).

Under our current format, it typically takes us a minimum of three weeks to get a team together so when the SP deployments are only scheduled for two weeks, we are not able to deploy at all.

Here's how QRT would work:

1. When SP sends out a call for volunteers for what they list as a "short deployment" (two weeks) we would immediately notify the QRT to check availability to respond in seven days. If we have 10-12 volunteers available we will proceed to schedule the deployment.
2. An announcement would then be sent to the full list of volunteers on our "Alert Lists" to see if others could join the team. Typically our goal is 15 or more volunteers per deployment.
3. In the event that we only have four or five, we will still deploy but not take our bus. Going forward it is our hope that Leslie and I and as many as can, will deploy for every deployment possible.
4. When a disaster is significantly destructive that it's clear that the deployment will last three weeks or longer we will send the alert call via email and text as we typically do, giving as much time as possible before departure.

Expectations for the QRT:

1. Agree to receive a call/text whenever SP sends a call to us for volunteers.
2. Be prepared to deploy with only seven days notice.
3. This DOES NOT mean that you are required to be available for every deployment. There will certainly be times when your personal schedule will not permit you to respond.
4. The QRT commitment is simply a willingness to do our very best to be available on short notice.

What if I can't commit to QRT?: (It's Ok)

1. We currently have a "National Alert List" and a "Local Alert List" and these will not change. Volunteers on these list remain treasured and invaluable.
2. When we are given the opportunity to serve whether it's locally or out of our area we will still send out the call for volunteers and you will be given the opportunity to join the team and make a difference,
3. In this regard, nothing really changes for our general volunteers.

PLEASE DO THIS:

1. Pray about joining the QRT. Even if you don't know how often you will be able to respond it will be helpful to know you are willing to be asked.
2. Click the link below and enter your name and information. Yes we already have it, but this will allow us to confirm we have it right.
3. Or you can go to our website (www.btstorm.org) click the Volunteer Tab, then the QRT Tab and then "click to be added to the QRT list."

WE NEED YOU!!!

("LET'S GO SERVE OUR KING")