President Barack Obama visits a flood relief center in Paterson, NJ - ANN 9-12-11
United States President Barack Obama met with Seventh-day Adventist Church community service volunteers in Paterson, New Jersey last week while on a tour of communities flooded by Hurricane Irene.

ACS DR volunteers in Jefferson Texas are providing hot meals to firefighters. They also opened their thrift shop to fire survivors to receive goods free of charge. Storage space has also been procured to process large quantities of donations that will be distributed to anyone in need. Texas ACS DR volunteers will evaluate the situation in Waller and Magnolia Counties to determine what services can be provided to assist these communities as well.

Over 150 fires are currently burning throughout the State of Texas including one that has become the largest in state history. Over the past 10 days, more than 34,000 acres and over 1500 homes have been consumed in Bastrop County Texas alone. Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACS DR) has been actively evaluating needs and providing donation management assistance. The Texas Conference mobile distribution unit was deployed to Bastrop to begin distribution of clothing packs, personal care kits, blankets and sheets. An additional truckload of much needed supplies will also be distributed.

This year, the United States has endured a steady stream of disasters and ACS DR volunteers have continued to serve communities in the name of Jesus Christ. Your donations, big and small, will help provide much needed products and services to survivors and responders in need.
ACS Community L.I.F.T. is preparing for a projected onslaught of additional clients to add to the already 70,000-plus clients they serve annually at the Denver facility at 5045 West First Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

The prolonged recession has forced more people than ever to seek aid from all of the area human service agencies. And the Denver-area Catholic Charities - one of the largest support networks in the nation - closed its last two satellite emergency assistance centers in metro Denver on September 1, ending food-bank and clothing services.

With the expectation of an additional client base finding ACS Community Lift’s door, comes the need for additional support in all forms. “Financial help is always needed to maintain our level of service to our clients,” says Michael Bright, CEO of ACS Community Lift. “But, we also need donations in the form of gifts-in-kind, personal care as well as canned food items, fresh produce, pet food, clothing, volunteers, and above all - financial aid to cover increased expenses - as we meet the needs of so many, not just in metro Denver, but in other areas of Colorado as well.”

In addition to the medical services, ACS Community Lift has a comprehensive family care program that addresses the most basic of human needs for those in need by offering programs that assist people in breaking the cycle of poverty that is often generational. By offering food, emergency clothing, utility assistance, emergency shelter, job placement, and domestic violence assistance, their quest is to build a platform of stability for families in crisis.

For more information on how you can help ACS Community Lift meet the ever-increasing
demands expected in the coming months, please call (303) 935-7389 or visit www.acslift.org.