

In Preparation of Disaster

The division of duties in a crisis:

1. A team to pursue your own people
2. Someone devoted fulltime for coordination and cooperation with other agencies
3. Someone devoted to housing (for those affected & for volunteers)
4. Someone devoted to food (food to feed volunteers and those affected)
5. Someone to coordinate the volunteers
6. Someone to serve as the clearing house (gate-keeper) for all communication
7. A team to oversee the distribution center
8. A team to oversee the collection and distribution of money (do this well)
9. Training (and support) for the personnel who will be advocating and supporting those affected
10. Counselors and pastors

Four things you do in advance to prepare your people for disaster

1. Prepare your people for financial instability (we had 900 families go through Dave Ramsey's financial seminar a year before)
2. Work with the poor (not only is it faithfulness, but it is great preparation and training)
3. Build relationships with city and country employees (in a disaster it is the relationship grid that will be utilized the most)
4. Have at least a modest supply of essential goods
 - Simple medical supplies
 - Water
 - Tarps
 - Plastic containers (to serve as totes)