

Samaritan's Purse Relief Arrives in Colorado

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Samaritan's Purse crews arrived late yesterday in Colorado to help with flooding that has claimed a number of lives and disrupted thousands more. The tractor trailers of aid and construction goods left Saturday evening from North Wilkesboro for the trek to the foot of the Rockies, where there are thousands displaced—many reported missing. The trucks are following two Samaritan's Purse disaster response experts who arrived in the early morning hours of Saturday, and began meeting with local officials and churches. The teams have set up and are beginning their various mission tasks. The Samaritan's Purse website says their base is in Niwot, Colorado, within 15 minutes of the hard-hit communities of Lyons, Clark, and Longmont. Rocky Mountain Christian Church has volunteered to be the host church to house current disaster response staff, with Samaritan's Purse providing tools and equipment to the local churches already engaged in relief efforts, and begin helping homeowners. The area has had more than 15 inches of rain over the past week, about half the amount the area normally receives during an entire year. More than six inches of it came down on Thursday, causing floodwaters to dramatically rise, washing away homes and vehicles, washing out roads. Samaritan's Purse reports that more than 19,000 homes have been damaged or destroyed, a number of people have been killed, and over 1,200 were still unaccounted for while thousands have been driven from their homes.

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