



ACTS

World Relief

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ACTS (**A**ctive **C**ommunity **T**eams **S**erving) is unique in our means of providing humanitarian services. We specialize in training high school and college age young adults in the United States as well as abroad to empower others in "Growing Through the Gospel of Serving." We add to that a balance of an equal amount of adult "First Response Teams" and local community volunteers as a way to unite our communities in help, hope and healing!

The Mission Statement

"Providing leadership to empower youth volunteers in serving as a way of sharing the love of God, especially during times of disaster."

The Motto

"Empowering youth in serving."

The Visionary Statement

"Integrating youth into nation building"

History- ACTS was formed in 2004, deployed to 17 federally declared disasters, and many local and nationwide events. With ACTS' 59,338 volunteers has distributed 44 million in donated emergency supplies, cooked and served 595,300 hot meals, debris/clean-out of 5,077 homes, repaired 2,427 roofs, assisted with 3,400 medical needs, provided emotional/spiritual care to 3.4 million... all this, while keeping ACTS administrative costs at only 1% of donations.

1. **Emergency Relief** - ACTS is a NIMS (National Incident Management System) compliant disaster response agency, responding within 24 hours of federally declared incidents, utilizing its volunteer army of everyone. ACTS began in the Gulf Coast, which is FEMA Region IV. As a member of National VOAD, we are able to help facilitate emergency response nationwide as well as working directly with Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) as a Resource under State Emergency Management Plans.

We currently provide humanitarian services by utilizing our fleet of trucks, forklifts, heavy equipment, refrigeration trailers, mobile commercial kitchens, medical trailers, tents and support equipment for:

- Emotional/Spiritual Care (ESF 8 Department of Health)
- Case Management & Initial Needs Assessment
- VRC- Registration and coordination of unaffiliated/affiliated volunteers within the impacted area to organize and form work teams to provide workforce resources to assist in recovery.

- Cooking and distributing hot meals with self-contained mobile disaster kitchens of various sizes and capacities. (ESF 6)
 - PODS- Establishing Points of Distribution to rapidly and efficiently distribute goods within six hours of arrival.
 - Staging area or Base camp management at the request of State or Local Emergency Operation Centers.
 - Mobile Public Address Systems (mobile sound stages).
 - Debris/clean-out of personal items.
 - Transitional Pet Shelters
 - Aviation Incident Response
 - Temporary Child Care
 - Primary Medical Care
2. **Medical Response** - Through a nationwide network of Health Care Professionals, ACTS has teams to provide inoculations and first response health care. With dedicated all-terrain 4-wheel drive medical support and response vehicles, expandable semi-trailers and canvas shelters, ACTS has the resources to set up a field medical facility that can provide for area support.
 3. **Training** - The following training and certification is required by ACTS: IS 317 Introduction to CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams), IS 100 (Basic Incident Command System [ICS]), and IS 700 (NIMS). IS 200 and IS 800 are required for emotional/spiritual care entrance level. IS 300 is required to be a team leader.
 4. **National Inner City Relief & Development**- Empowering volunteers to serve local communities utilizing ACTS-WR mobile kitchens and mobile medical trailers to provide primary medical assistance.
 5. **World-Wide Development** – Overseas mission projects is a priority within ACTS. This is accomplished by mobilizing volunteers to respond to ongoing Inner city relief and development projects such as: rebuilding homes destroyed by Hurricane Felix in Nicaragua, agricultural training, or general classes on hygiene, sanitation, water purification, disaster response, food commodity sorting/distribution, and Public Health. ACTS is a member of AERDO (Association of Evangelical Relief and Development Organizations), and National VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster).

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