

# HELP MISSISSIPPI RIVER FLOOD VICTIMS

Your parish can assist Mississippi River flood victims with a Health Kit of essential items such as soap and washcloth, Band-Aids, toothbrush, comb and nail clippers. These basic materials seem small but make a huge difference in the aftermath of a disaster. For assembly instructions and details, go to [www.iocc.org/kits](http://www.iocc.org/kits).



## VOLUNTEER ON the GULF COAST!

The Gulf Coast continues to need assistance for families devastated by the loss of their homes to hurricanes. We are seeking Orthodox Christians from across the U.S. to help rebuild homes and restore landscaping for those in need. The volunteer contribution is \$800 per person and includes round-trip airfare to Houston, local transportation, room & board, supplies and tools. Volunteers can apply at [www.iocc.org/volunteer](http://www.iocc.org/volunteer) or contact Pascalis Papouras at [ppapouras@iocc.org](mailto:ppapouras@iocc.org).



## IOCC Upcoming Events

More details at [www.iocc.org/events](http://www.iocc.org/events).

- **ORANGE COUNTY, CA** – June 5, 2011  
Wine Tasting and Art Exhibit
- **PHOENIX, AZ** – June 11, 2011  
Concert featuring Dr. Pedja Novakovic
- **JERSEY CITY, NJ** – June 11, 2011  
Bowl-A-Thon
- **SAN FRANCISCO, CA** – June 18, 2011  
Pinot Days
- **TUCSON, AZ** – July 17, 2011  
BBQ
- **DENVER, CO** – Aug. 2011  
8th Annual 5k Bike/Walk
- **PITTSBURGH, PA** – Aug. 2011  
Annual *One In Spirit* Dinner
- **CHICAGO, IL** – Oct. 1, 2011  
5th Annual 5k Run Walk
- **VIRGINIA BEACH, VA** – Oct. 4, 2011  
Golf Tournament
- **CHARLOTTE, NC** – Oct. 15, 2011  
Annual Dinner
- **DETROIT, MI** – Oct. 16, 2011  
2nd Annual IOCC Concert
- **HOUSTON, TX** – Oct. 20, 2011  
IOCC Board Banquet

“The key to Divine gifts is given to the heart by love of neighbor, and, in proportion to the heart’s freedom from the bonds of the flesh, the door of knowledge begins to open before it.” — St. Isaac of Syria

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# PRIEST to PRIEST

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“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another *Paraclete* to be with you forever...” – John 14:16

Dear Brothers:

In our Heavenly Father’s perfect creation everything is unified. However, in response to mankind’s arrogance and pride, disunity entered into the world, including the scattering of language following the experience of the Tower of Babel (Genesis). Yet through God’s love, unity can again be felt – as profoundly witnessed in the Pentecost experience, when those listening to the Apostles deliver the Gospel message, were allowed to hear according to their own mother tongue (Acts of the Apostles 2). With focus on God’s Word, the Holy Spirit brought forth this unity, and continues to do so in the life of the Church.

In this tradition, unity is felt through the ministry and work of the IOCC when advocating for those who have been marginalized and lost their voice. Providing multiple forms of comfort to those displaced from their homes in Kosovo, or driven from their homes by the earthquake in Haiti. Counseling grief stricken people who have lost their homes in the southern states of our country because of recent floods and tornados. Helping the autonomous Orthodox Church in Japan and those whose lives have been impacted by the tsunami. Comforting orphans in Ethiopia whose parents have died from AIDS, and those who have been ostracized after contracting the HIV/AIDS virus. Being a companion to young people in Gaza whose daily lives are plagued with worry and fear. As a part of our priestly vocation, and the reality of the universality of the Church, all these examples, and more, are our co-ministry with IOCC.



Paul Jeffrey / IOCC

This issue of *Priest to Priest*, arriving during these days of Pentecost, reminds us of our priestly vocation to find unity to all whom we encounter, through our focus on the Gospel message, and the activity of the Holy Spirit. Our support of IOCC extends this divine union to all whom IOCC serves. Thank you for your support of this critical ministry of the Church. Please continue to allow the experience of the Resurrected Lord, through IOCC, to touch those whose lives have been torn apart by man-made and natural disaster with comfort, counsel, help, advocacy, and companionship!

In His Service,

+Father Luke Palumbis

FATHERS: PLEASE DISPLAY THE INSIDE POSTER IN YOUR PARISH

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# THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT, IOCC IS BRINGING RELIEF TO JAPAN'S TSUNAMI SURVIVORS

*The earthquake and tsunami disaster that struck Japan on March 11 left half a million homeless and exposed to the elements as well as to the extremely radioactive zone around the Fukushima Nuclear power plant. Working with partners in Japan, IOCC is helping to find housing for as many as 1,000 families, assist elderly survivors and provide psychological support for those who have been affected by the disaster. Through your support, IOCC is supplying survivors with much needed basic assistance in recovery efforts.*



Providing hot meals for homeless tsunami survivors addressed the immediate need for assistance while IOCC worked with emergency response partners in Japan to assess long-term needs such as provision of housing and assistance to the elderly. (Photo: Devon Dow)



More than 500,000 people lost their homes and personal possessions to the tsunami. IOCC and partners are providing ongoing assistance to help secure housing for almost 1,000 families left homeless. (Photo: United States Navy)

## *Post-Tsunami Assistance Provided To Japan Includes:*

- Hot meals
- Emergency housing
- Clearing debris
- Elder care



**Your generous help is making a difference in rebuilding the lives of the people of Japan!**

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