

Hello church partner,

We are reaching out to share an urgent opportunity to serve your neighbors in Ottawa.

In the aftermath of devastating floods in Ottawa, Ontario on July 1, 2026, Ottawa has logged more than 5,400 calls related to flooded basements, far exceeding normal municipal capacity for cleanup and recovery. Upon invitation, Samaritan's Purse is deploying staff, volunteers and specialty equipment, including a fully equipped Disaster Relief Unit to assist homeowners in need.

We praise God that no lives were lost during the flooding. Still, an emotional toll has followed, as homeowners return to damaged homes and begin to process their losses.

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help Ottawa communities with the clean-up.

Volunteers will assist with tasks such as debris removal, mudding-out basements, tearing-out drywall, and sanitization. Volunteers must provide their own transportation to and from Ottawa, as well as to work sites. Once on site, meals will be provided including a bagged lunch, snacks and bottled water for day volunteers. Limited dormitory-style shared accommodations are available upon request at our location in Ottawa. All volunteers requesting overnight accommodation will be required to participate in a simple and expedient background check process delivered to their email. Volunteer shifts will begin Saturday, July 18th and operate Monday-Saturday from 7:30 am - 5:00 pm.

We have created and attached a PowerPoint slide that can be used in your services, social and other gatherings for your members to sign up.

We also ask that you please join us in praying for:

- The people of Ottawa and the surrounding region, who are exhausted and grieving the loss and disruption this flood has caused.
- Wisdom, safety, and stamina for our staff, chaplains, and volunteers as we travel, set up, and begin serving.
- Clear, gracious collaboration with municipal leaders and local churches as we respond together.

Thank you for your heart for service and for partnering with us to bring relief to the people of Ottawa. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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