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## **NEWS FLASH PRESS RELEASE**

Florida is declared a Federal State of Emergency by President Bush!  
Tropical storm Faye has brought up to 30 inches of rain in 4 days, causing the greatest statewide massive flooding in Florida's history!

ACTS Logistics officer Don Samuels located at the Melbourne Church, the hardest hit area in Florida, is coordinating the distribution of tarps, clean up kits, and personal care kits brought in by ACTS fleet of trucks. Don says: "This is the greatest evangelistic opportunity for Adventists to be in the center of meeting the needs of our community and collaborating with Government, State, local Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and the local ACS leader". The ACTS semi kitchen is also on site which just returned from a feeding and training exercise in Tampa at the ASI International convention. This largest kitchen capable of feeding 10,000 meals daily was inspected by Tampa Red Cross personnel and requested to collaborate with them in feeding as well. ACTS has now served over 600,000 hot meals. 200 ASI youth were trained from around the world in introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams and high tech GPS "Special Unmet Needs" assessments at the local Emergency Operations Center for disasters such as this. Hillsborough County Emergency Management Director said: "We have never witnessed such a group of well organized and efficiently trained group of leaders".

ACTS is a movement, capitalizing on training the "Army of Youth" around the world from our partnering educational institutions to reach out in service to their communities and countries. ACTS fleet of kitchens and donated equipment is continually being pre-positioned around the world to enable ACTS "1<sup>st</sup> Responders" to year round inner city work with ministry such as "Mobil Manna Meals" to shut-ins, caregivers and to support fire department, national guard and emergency personnel in time of disaster.

Loma Linda University, Montemorelos University, Babcock University in Africa, La Sierra University, Southern Adventist University, Adventist Russian University, and Union College, are a few of ACTS partners. The Southern Union Education Department, South Eastern California Conference Education Department, and Central California Conference Education departments are either trainers or soon to be trained to respond as ACTS Chapters world wide.

Donations are URGENTLY needed NOW to continue ACTS self-supporting expansion of kitchens costing \$125,000 each and to reach out to the suffering around the world.

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