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## [Christian Responders Network and Focus upon Recovery](#)

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As ReadyNewOrleans continues to provide CEN with the specifics on critical needs in the area the media has shifted off the story making it more difficult to generate human and material resources. Please visit the Hurricane Isaac response group at [www.christianemergencynetwork.org](http://www.christianemergencynetwork.org) indicating what you may be able to do to assist ReadyNewOrleans.

About 130 schools were still closed today in the Gulf region as survivors were digging themselves out of the flood regions. Emergency Management reports 13,000 homes were damaged and eight deaths occurred. Congressional leaders appear to be insuring that a steady flow of funding for the disaster relief continues, however there still seems to be a concern on the level of disaster funding available as FEMA's current relief budget stands at \$1.4 billion. Often overlooked MS received a visit from FEMA Craig Fugate who assured the community there would be funding available, as a federal disaster declaration had been made. As of September 4 over 4,000 people remain in shelters across the affected region. Meanwhile 90 pollution cases, not unexpected for an incident like this, are being investigated.

Please continue to pray for those affected by the storms and those who are responding. Likewise, take the [precautionary steps](#) to ready yourself and your family for times of crisis.