# Emergency Chaplains



## Durham, NC

November 2011

# \$31,000—100 COUNTIES: YOUR PARTNERSHIP NEEDED TO CARRY OUT VISION

Emergency Chaplains has been in ministry since 2008. We are thankful that each year has seen an increase in our staff, agencies served, donations and individuals who participate in the ministry in different ways. We are particularly thankful for those of you who have financially supported our work. Many lives have been changed through the ministry of our chaplains.

The passion of our work is "to take the comfort of Christ to people in crisis" which we do through our chaplaincy services, crisis response, and counseling ministries. We believe that God has given us the vision to expand the ministry of Emergency Chaplains to all 100 counties in North Carolina. One of our donors, who knows the depth of pain of a life changing crisis wrote to me, "the ministry of Emergency Chaplains should be an available service in every city."

That is why I am writing you today. Our budget is in crisis and we need your help if the ministry of Emergency Chaplains is to continuing growing to cover North Carolina. Our proposed annual budget this year is \$70,000. Based on current donation trends we expect to be about \$31,000 short of meeting our budget at the end of this year.

What I am asking you to prayerfully consider is this: would you make a one-time donation now to help us meet the 2011 budget...and... also consider committing to a monthly donation of \$20 or \$30 or more next year to help us make budget in 2012? We have

kept expenses to a minimum and have refrained from paying salaries in order to grow the ministry to this point.

We do not receive support from the agencies that we serve. Our ministry is completely supported by God's people whose heart's desire is to comfort our citizens who are in crisis and to help us share the love of Christ with the tens of thousands of men and women who serve us in Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS and 911 agencies across our great state.

Please take a moment and fill out the card below and join us in this great ministry that the Lord has placed before us.

In Jesus' Name,

Chaplain Ralph

October 2011 Chaplains' Breakfast Front: Ralph Thompson, Carter Thompson, Mike White, Floyd Pearce, Craig Alexander, Danny Bryant Back: Ricardo Correa, Art Klose, Clinton Stokes, Russell Hill, Keith Kimball, Johnny Hewett, Grant Bennett (Not Pictured: Pedro Valladares, James Dodson, Andre Gilliard)

FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION: I want to be a part of the ministry of Emergency Chaplains!			
	With a new/continued pledge each month of:\$100\$50\$30\$20 Other amount: \$		
	With a one time gift of:\$500\$250\$100\$50 Other \$ CIRCLE ONE: ENCLOSED PLEASE BILL ME		
	I am interested in supporting Emergency Chaplains by Electronic Funds Transfer (Bank Draft). Please complete form on back.		
	I would like for Emergency Chaplains to receive my Stock/Investment/Property gift. Please contact me with instructions.		
Name(s):			
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	YOU CAN ALSO MAKE A ONE TIME DONATION AND SET UP A MONTHLY BANK DRAFT ONLINE AT www.echap.org		

# CHAPLAINS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

The following chaplains were recognized at our quarterly training event on November 5th:



**Chaplain Craig Alexander** was recognized for his ministry to a family during a cardiac arrest call. He received a written accommodation from Durham EMS based on compliments from the family. On this call, the gentleman in cardiac arrest was pronounced dead at the hospital. The daughter reported to Durham EMS that Chaplain Alexander met them at the hospital where he ministered for over two hours while the family gathered to say goodbye to her father. She was very appreciative of his gentle care and concern for them.



**Chaplain Floyd Pearce** was recognized for his actions on a call that involved the natural death of a two year old child. Upon arriving on the scene, Chaplain Pearce offered his services to the parents. They refused his help (profanely) but this was due to their overwhelming grief and stress. Rather than take their comments personally, Pearce moved to the perimeter of the scene to minister to the First Responders who were present. In a short time, the mother came to apologize to Chaplain Pearce and he again offered his services. After that, he was on scene for over two hours where he ministered to the needs of the parents and spent time praying with them.

# WOMEN SERVING JESUS PACK SHOEBOXES FOR OCC

Women Serving Jesus (WSJ), a support ministry of Emergency Chaplains, packed 75 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child (OCC) at their November gathering. The women purchased items and gathered donations that will be distributed among 10-14 year old boys through Samaritan's Purse.

During the months of November and December this year, WSJ is serving those less fortunate in memory of WSJ member Eileen Shuff, who died after a courageous battle with cancer on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:23

EILEEN SHUFF 1950-2011

The ministry of Emergency Chaplains is made possible because of the prayers and donations of people just like you. Your gifts enable us to minister to First Responders and to the general public as they encounter life changing events. Please know that we appreciate your generosity and we thank you for joining us in making an eternal difference. Emergency Chaplains is a 501c3 non-profit ministry incorporated in the state of North Carolina. All donations are tax-deductible.

## Bank Draft Authorization PLEASE *PRINT* THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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I hereby authorize an automatic de	bit on the account designated below for donations to Emergency Chaplains.
Signature:	Date:

### **CHAPLAINS**

Grant Bennett Danny Bryant James Dodson Andre Gilliard Johnny Hewett Keith Kimball Mike White

CHAPLAIN INTERNS

Craig Alexander Art Klose Floyd Pearce Clinton Stokes

COUNSELOR Carter Thompson

COUNSELOR/INTERPRETER Pedro Valladares

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#### AGENCIES WE SERVE

BETHESDA FIRE DEPT. DURHAM COUNTY EMS DURHAM 911 CENTER DURHAM POLICE DEPT. LEBANON FIRE DEPT. NC HIGHWAY PATROL PERSON COUNTY EMS REDWOOD FIRE DEPT. ROXBORO POLICE DEPT.

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