CRESCENT CITY TSUNAMI OPERATIONS CENTER DATE: March 15, 2011 TIME: 1130

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**CRISIS COUNSELING AND CHAPLAIN SERVICES ARRIVE AT CRESCENT CITY**

The Southern Baptist California Disaster Relief Chaplains arrived in Crescent City on Mar. 14, 2011 to provide support to the victims of the recent tsunami.

Services provided include emotional support, spiritual care, crisis intervention and trauma relief. The Chaplains work closely with the American Red Cross to provide these services wherever needed. They will be available at the Lighthouse Community Center located at 2455 Oliver Ave., Crescent City. Services are private and confidential.

“We are here in Crescent City because we recognize the disaster this is for the community and we are here to support them,” said Meta Velez, lead Chaplain for Region 1 California Disaster Relief.

The tsunami event resulted from an 8.9 magnitude earthquake that occurred in Japan on March 11. California has experienced numerous surge events since and remains under a tsunami advisory. The Crescent City Boat Harbor sustained significant damage to its docks. Crews have identified 16 sunken vessels in the harbor. Multiple state and federal agencies are on scene to survey the channels for navigation, conduct damage assessments, and prevent petroleum spills from the damaged vessels.

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