

## **The Center of Hope Has a New Mission**

Camp Champion at the south Center of Hope on Reiger Road will say goodbye to its last group of rescue workers this week. As Camp Champion retires, the Center of Hope is becoming a staging area for volunteers from around the country.

Through collaboration with PRC Compassion, volunteers from church groups all across the country are coming to the Center of Hope. They arrive self-sufficient and eager to help, with contributions of food provisions and new strength for the relief effort. As they arrive, they are taken through an orientation process to ready them for deployment to frontline activity in the ongoing recovery efforts. Some pass through the Center of Hope and are redirected to shelters closer to disaster sites, while others remain at the Center of Hope to help in the areas in which they are needed. Currently ten volunteers from Canada are being housed at the Center of Hope and are helping with the organization and distribution of supplies in the emergency provisions warehouse.

“We are anxious to continue serving the needs of both our community and the surrounding areas as we all pull together to see our way to the other side of this crisis. We stand ready to complete this mission, working alongside the PRC network until we see Louisiana and Mississippi rebuilt,” said Roger Bower, director of the Center of Hope. The Center of Hope has also returned to its original purpose of providing help, healing, and hope to those in need in the areas of crisis pregnancy, addiction recovery and destructive behavior counseling, adult education, job placement, and the collection and distribution of emergency provisions.

The south Center of Hope is located at 10877 Reiger Road, next to the three crosses off I-10 and Siegen Lane. There is also a Center of Hope located at 13843 Plank Road in Baker. For more information about any of the services at either center, call 293-2522. Monetary donations can be made online at [www.lifelinefoundation.com](http://www.lifelinefoundation.com).