

## RAPID RESPONSE TEAM CHAPLAIN APPLICATION

Since September 11, 2001, with God's guidance and direction, the RRT has responded to manmade and natural disasters in nine countries on six continents, offering emotional and spiritual care to more than 450,000 survivors and first-responders. Today, with RRT offices in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia, we hope to reach even more people with the comfort and hope of Jesus Christ.

A Rapid Response Team Chaplaincy deployment can be physically, emotionally, spiritually and mentally challenging, requiring tremendous effort of each team member. All applicants should prayerfully consider these challenges and apply to the Rapid Response Team only when they are confident that they can personally meet each one.

Applicants are encouraged to approach becoming an RRT Chaplain as a journey of discovering God's plan for you and possibly your family. Self-selection is a major part of the process and it is possible that, at some time during the training, you may decide that it is not for you. Please do not consider that to be a failure, but rather the right decision made in the light of mature consideration of your God given skills and abilities.

### **Essential considerations prior to accepting deployments with Rapid Response Team (RRT):**

#### **I. RRT Essential Job Functions**

To be considered as a RRT Chaplain for deployment, you must demonstrate an ability and a willingness to the below:

#### **Physical Requirements and Responsibilities**

- Demonstrate you are in good physical health and have the ability to perform physical tasks.
- Be willing to complete the required training as stated
- Be willing and able to sleep on the floor in a room with others in close proximity
- Be willing to share toilet and bathroom facilities with several others.
- Be willing and able to minister outside in extreme weather conditions if required.
- Be willing to endure a deployment day lasting from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. (14-hour days).
- Understand electricity may be limited or not available.
- Be willing and able to do daily tasks around the 'home base', including cleaning bathrooms, kitchens, showers, mopping floors, sweeping, and helping to clear rubbish.
- Be physically able to lift at least 10kg.
- Understand cell phone service may be limited or not available.
- Be willing to deploy at least one week every two years if called

### **Emotional, Spiritual, and Mental Functions:**

- Demonstrate emotional and spiritual maturity.
- Always demonstrate a servant's heart.
- Be a good listener for extended periods of time.
- Focus on the emotional and spiritual care of others.
- Demonstrate God's love through compassion and care.
- An ability to be objective and to keep personal opinion and issues separate to the care of those we serve.
- Be free of any medication that would impair your thinking or activity.
- Be willing and able to share God's hope through Jesus Christ and the Salvation He offers as is explained in the Bible.

### **II. Training Standard**

In order to maintain a high standard of excellence while providing emotional and spiritual care, and operating in accordance with expected standards of the disaster community, all RRT chaplains will be required to complete the following minimum training requirements within 12 months of being accepted.

- Attend a 'Sharing Hope In Crisis' seminar
- Complete, or show evidence of having completed, at least one Critical Incident Stress Management course.

The RRT-recommended CISM courses are:

- Group Crisis Intervention
- Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support
- Pastoral Crisis Intervention

We are excited you are interested in becoming a BGEA - RRT chaplain, to share God's love at a moment's notice anywhere in the world. As you consider applying to be a RRT Chaplain, we encourage you to prayerfully review all the requirements listed.

God bless you.

Rapid Response Team  
BGEA Australia & New Zealand

**RAPID RESPONSE TEAM**  
**VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN APPLICATION**

Full (Legal) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
work home mobile

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Married  Single  Divorced  Separated  Widow/Widower

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact your pastor as a reference? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, pastor's contact information: Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

**1. How did you hear about the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team?**

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**2. Why do you desire to serve as a volunteer chaplain?**

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**3. Please circle the letter of the ministry role(s) in which you have served in the past.**

Ministry Role	Dates Served
a. Pastoral—a ministry to pastors	_____
b. Chaplain:	_____
Specify: Age Care, Police, Fire, etc.	_____
c. Christian Counselling	_____
Specify: Adult, Youth, Children	_____
d. Trainer:	
Crisis Intervention	_____
Clinical Trauma	_____
Disaster Response	_____
e. Youth or Children’s Ministry	_____
f. Hospice Worker	_____
g. Administrative Support	_____
h. Prayer Intercessor	_____
i. Marriage Ministry	_____
j. Other (please describe)	_____
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**4. Please circle the letter of any training you have attended, and fill in date and location.**

- a. *Sharing Hope in Crisis* (RRT) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Critical Incident Stress management (CISM) \_\_\_\_\_
- Course(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Please check one or more boxes below that best describe your ministry training or vocational experience.**

- Police  Fire  Military Personnel  Ambulance/Medical  Christian Counsellor  Pastor
  - Hospice Worker  Chaplain  Ministry Leader  Trained in Crisis Intervention
- Please provide proof of training with this application (copy of certificates, identification cards, etc.).*



**12. Do you have a current Working with Children Check? (A State WWCC is advised)**

Yes Number# \_\_\_\_\_ exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  No - I will apply in my home State

**13. A National Police Check is required and will be processed as part of your application (\$25)**

Acknowledged

**14. Please list 3 references we may contact (friends, business associates, etc.). *Do not* include family members or pastor listed above. Must have known the person for at least six months. For pastors who are applying, please include a spiritual mentor.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship and dates known \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship and dates known \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship and dates known \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Please describe past experience and duties in disaster, grief, trauma, crisis intervention, or missions experience.**

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**16. Please explain any crisis or time of grief you have personally experienced in the past 12–18 months.**

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**17. Please explain your personal salvation experience in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Use additional paper if needed.)**

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**18. Please describe how you have grown spiritually since your decision to follow Jesus Christ.**

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**By applying for consideration as a volunteer for the Rapid Response Team of Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA), I acknowledge my understanding and agreement that the selection of volunteer staff is at the sole discretion of BGEA, based on its assessment of the overall qualifications of volunteer applicants and BGEA's ministry requirements.**

**The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association believes** the Bible to be the infallible Word of God, that it is His holy and inspired Word, and that it is of supreme and final authority; in one God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; He led a sinless life, took on Himself all our sins, died and rose again, and is seated at the right hand of the Father as our mediator and advocate; that all men everywhere are lost and face the judgment of God, and need to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through His shed blood on the cross; that Christ rose from the dead and is coming soon.

I understand on signing this application that I agree with the statement above, that I will share only the basic Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that I will attempt to meet the expressed spiritual need in light of the Scriptures. I further understand that I am not to advocate any doctrines other than Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and that I am not to proselytize for my church or denomination.

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(Signature)

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(Date)

**PLEASE MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO:**  
Rapid Response Team  
Billy Graham Evangelistic Association  
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Kings Langley NSW 2147