at the shelter.

"The people here are absolutely wonderful," Riggs said of the volunteers. "They make sure you have the things that you need; they make sure you have three meals a day."

Riggs said she's becoming certified as a Red Cross volunteer so that she can return some of the blessings she and her husband received in the past week.

Dave Miller, the site director for the Red Cross, said 36 people remained in the shelter Thursday.

Finding alternative places to stay in the area has been a major stumbling block because of the already existing housing shortage in Pocahontas, he said. He doesn't know how long the shelter will remain open.

"We're here until we help the very last one," Miller said.

Several organizations have flocked to the area to lend their hands, representing a number of Christian denominations. Many of them are in the Robil Addition, actively helping flooding victims prepare their homes for recovery.

Harry Mansfield of suburban Fort Worth, Texas, is the coordinator of Churches of Christ Disaster Response. About 50 people responded to the call to Pocahontas. More are expected to arrive this weekend.

"Where drywall needs to come out, we'll tear out the drywall," Mansfield said. "We'll clear out any flooring that needs to be brought up, and then we'll spray down the studs and floor joists and everything and wait for that to dry. And then we have the moisture testers that we can go in and test and make sure that the area is ready to put drywall and flooring back in."

Sometimes, they're able to obtain donated materials for uninsured or underinsured flood victims, he said.

"We also have drywall crews that will come in and do the installation work," Mansfield said.

Pocahontas police officer Trason Johnson, whose home outside of Pocahontas was ravaged by floodwaters, said Thursday that the relief team has scheduled work at his home in coming days.

"It's looking up," Johnson said. "I'm happy and proud of what's going on."