

Celebrating Our West Virginia Mission Experience

As we make our plans to return to the City of Clendenin West Virginia ("Almost Heaven") on April 26th through May 1st, for our seventh, and possibly last mission trip to this warm and friendly city, we reflect on all that we have enjoyed and how we have supported this recovery effort during this mission journey.

We have taken 28 different PUMC mission travelers over three week long and three weekend trips, which equals 66 people visits. This represents 296 people days and 2,152 hours of job site service and story sharing.

An important part of each trip was to listen to the stories these people had to share and to talk with them about life in Clendenin before, during and after the flood.

Through the generous contributions of our communion offerings and other kind gifts, we have sent \$18,478 dollars to support the purchase of needed project materials for our work and the work of others.

We have worked at over a dozen different properties and made many friends with homeowners, neighbors and others in the community.

We always bring a spiritual theme to guide us, along with our skills to listen, learn, teach and do; all are equally important.

Our mission projects have involved: job organization, drywall, painting, decks, flooring, cabinets, concrete doors, siding, job clean up, listening and sharing.

The most important and most fulfilling thing that we have built, however, has been those cherished relationships with our fellow mission travelers, our WV United Methodist coordination team, our host church, the home owners, their families and friends and our deeper relationship with God through this truly enriching experience.

Thank you for your past support, in whatever way you had chosen and if you have been thinking about experiencing this, please join the team in April, on our “Country Road”....we will..... “Take you home.”

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