



## *SOUTHEAST OHIO MISSION TRIP SUMMARY*

*Vinton County July 2016*



One doesn't have to travel far to see God at work. He was at work for over 5 days through 14 volunteers in Vinton county this summer within one and a half (1.5) hour drive of Upper Arlington Lutheran Church.

Daily Devotionals • Construction • Repair • Prayer & Care • Teamwork • Fellowship • Worship

This summer nine (9) individuals worked on construction and maintenance jobs serving five (5) families while five (5) volunteers visited families and individuals in need of prayer and care.

Erica and Ty, a young couple getting on their feet with 4 children are in need of a number of repairs to the home. The 100+ year old house needs a lot of work and volunteers had an opportunity to help by bringing them one step closer to getting their upstairs bathroom back. The new owners had to tear it out last winter to repair water and structural damage. Erica and Ty soon found themselves over their heads as they uncovered one problem after another throughout the house, including, termites, electrical wiring problems, plumbing issues, etc. In order to correct structural and plumbing issues in the bathroom, the family asked for help bumping out the dormer to make the bathroom layout work out with where drains could go. So, a crew of 5 worked to bump the dormer wall out about three (3) ft. This was only made possible because God called a retired carpenter, David, to our team this year.





It wasn't all a walk in the park of roses, as we braved over ninety (90-95) degree humid days in attic space, in the sun, and on top of the roof laying asphalt shingles but the Lord answered prayers for keeping us from harm and evil as we returned with no broken bones, no stitches, no heat strokes, and all of our fingers and toes!! This writer doesn't have great hearing but doesn't recall any complaining, griping, or regrets, only thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior. What a great group of volunteers!



God gave us a challenging project. It was a big challenge even for an experienced carpenter like David as his patience was tested with walls out of plumb and floors that weren't level. Nothing on the existing home was very plumb, straight or level. Rain held things up on Thursday. Though we prayed for the rain to stop, the Lord stopped it on his time, not ours. It stopped raining in the afternoon so we worked a little later than planned and were just barely able to get the work finished Friday afternoon.

Randy is making a home by repurposing a pre-built 12x24 structure. Our group had the opportunity to help by installing an insulated ceiling in his place to keep the unheated, space just a little warmer this winter. A couple of outlets were added to alleviate issues with extension cords strung across the room for his television, lights, and such. This was the completion of work that was initiated on an earlier one day construction mission trip to Randy's in the spring which included fixing some dog chewed wires and replacing the sagging 2x4 ceiling joists with 2x6s.





Wilson and Greg built stairs so Celia could get in and out of a semi-trailer parked in her front yard.



A mission group that visited before our trip could not quite finish off a bathroom at a disabled couple's home, the Conely's. We were called to make a correction to the floor and install the new toilet that the group left behind. We also installed a transition strip in the doorway (tougher than meets the eye), fixed buckled paneling, and replaced a section of water damaged subflooring, removing a bad dip in the

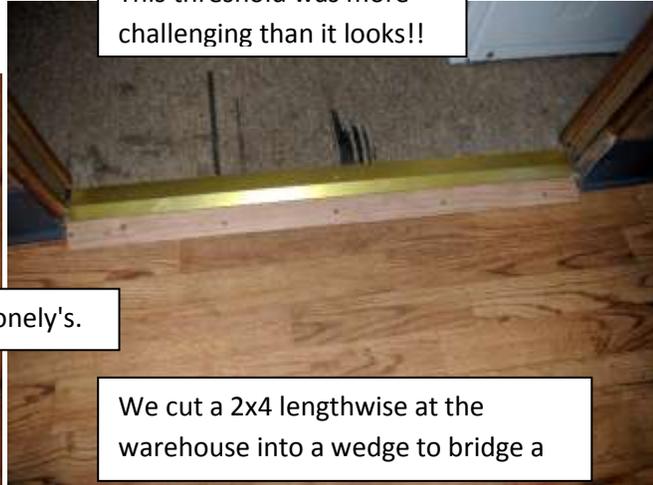
soft damaged floor and installing solid plywood. The disabled deacon and his wife, Jerry and Deborah, were happy to have solid floors and a usable working toilet again. His wife was waiting for the results of her cancer biopsy. Our prayer and care had visited her earlier in the week to pray for her. We got the news after the trip that her biopsy came back clean!

New toilet before we installed it.



At the Conely's.

This threshold was more challenging than it looks!!



We cut a 2x4 lengthwise at the warehouse into a wedge to bridge a

Chris and Jim repaired a water damaged floor to make it safe and sound.



Done!



Wilson and Greg picked up donated furniture from a family in Chillicothe bringing it to the warehouse. Another family was waiting for the items.

When we drove to LSS from Columbus, we were able to bring a washer, dryer, oak dining table and chairs donated to Southeast Ohio Mission by a family in Columbus. A family came and picked up the washer and dryer before the end of the week.



New owners of the washer and dryer leaving the warehouse

Jim and Chris repaired 85 year old Jenny Colegrove's front porch roof which was sagging, secured floor boards, installed a new outdoor porch light, and corrected the wiring that had been improperly spliced into the porch light to electrify another light at the opposite end of the porch. now she can use the front porch swing again!



Jenny

Jim and Chris shored up a sagging porch roof for Jenny and installed a new porch light correcting dangerous exposed wire connections.  
  
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## PRAYER AND CARE

Prayer and care had 5 volunteers, they visited families throughout the week. There were 5 ladies who attended the Vinton Cnty Mission Week July 24-July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Val Cohoon, Maria Palo-Miller, Rachel Weaver, Pat Malas and Becky Harrass.

Everyone helped Becky with getting breakfast ready, laying out the food for lunch and making dinner.

Our hope was to visit as many present and past clients from LSS, to spend time and pray with them for their health and needs. We were not able to visit as many as we had hoped but we feel we were able to connect with the folks we did visit.



During the week the ladies helped Val and Becky make 3 knot blankets. One of these was given to Jenny (porch roof), and the other two were given to Ty & Erica (dormer extension) and Randy (insulated ceiling).

On Monday, Val, Maria and Rachel visited with Jenny Colegrove. She was so pleased to have them visit with her. Pat and Becky went to visit Deborah Conley. She like Jenny has many health problems and was anxious to hear the outcome on a biopsy. Before we left on Friday, we were told it was negative. Praise the Lord for that. We were able to pray with her and she was so appreciative.

Tuesday, Val, Maria, Rachel and Pat went to visit Kristi Shannon. They prayed with her. She was pleased they came to visit.

Wednesday, Maria, Rachel and Pat went to visit a man who had some problems. He did not welcome them as warmly as the previous folks. The ladies did pray with him. Val and Becky went to visit a lady they had visited last year, Juanita Johnson who received them warmly. They were able to catch up on her family and health since last year. They were able to pray with her.

Thursday, Maria, Rachel and Pat visited Betty Dobbins. She was a very nice lady and the ladies enjoyed talking and praying with her.

Our hope is that we were able to lift some spirits and remind everyone that Jesus loves us all. ††