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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **MDS Update for October 20, 2016**   **PRAYER CONCERNS** Pray for all those impacted by Hurricane Matthew. The storm ravaged the east coast of the U.S. from Florida to North Carolina for several days in early October leaving behind severe flooding and wind damage, especially in the Carolinas. MDS Early Response Teams have been working in Horry County in northeast South Carolina cutting and clearing downed trees. Kevin King, MDS executive director visited Princeville, NC where the town was flooded forcing the evacuation of its 2,000 residents. The town holds a special place in the hearts of MDS volunteers because of the work done there 16 years ago after Hurricane Floyd. According to King, MDS will return if called upon.       Visit the [MDS website](https://mds.mennonite.net/) for updates on the MDS response to Hurricane Matthew.   **URGENT NEEDS FOR MDS PROJECTS** **Weekly Volunteers needed for Fall Projects!** [Detroit, Michigan](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/detroit-mi/): Nov 27-Dec 10 [Greenbrier County, West Virginia](http://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/greenbrier-county-wv/): Oct 30-Dec 16 [Lafayette, Louisiana](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/louisiana-floods/): Nov 20-26 [West Virginia Bridges](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/west-virginia-bridges/): Nov 20-26, Dec 4-16   To schedule please call the Volunteer Development Team at 800-241-8111 or email Alicia Hurst at [ahurst@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:ahurst@mds.mennonite.net).   **Roofers** Roofers are urgently needed in [Andrews, South Carolina](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/andrews-sc/) for the week of Oct. 30-Nov. 5. To schedule, please call Alicia Hurst at 800-241-8111 or email at [ahurst@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:ahurst@mds.mennonite.net).   **Leadership Positions** MDS needs volunteers for leadership positions at the following project locations. To schedule please call Evelyn Peters-Rojas at 866-261-1274 or email [epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net).   [RV Program](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer/recreational-vehicle-program/) Andrews, SC – space available for one RV (couple or 2 singles) from Oct. 24-Dec. 16 (come for minimum of 4 weeks) [Detroit, MI](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/detroit-mi/) Head Cook – Oct. 30-Nov. 19 Office Manager – Nov. 27-Dec. 16 [Greenbrier County, WV](http://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/greenbrier-county-wv/) Assistant Cook – Nov 27-Dec. 16 Crew Leader – Nov 6-12, Nov 27-Dec 16 [Lafayette, LA](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/louisiana-floods/) Crew Leaders – Dec. 4-17 [West Virginia Bridges](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/west-virginia-bridges/) Head Cook – Oct 30-Nov 5 Crew Leader – Nov. 13-Dec .16   **MDS IS NOW SCHEDULING FOR WINTER 2017 PROJECTS!** We are now scheduling weekly volunteers for January through March, 2017 at the following projects!   **Project Locations:** [Andrews, South Carolina](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/andrews-sc/) [Calaveras County, California](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/calaveras-county-california-fire-response/) [Lafayette, Louisiana](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/louisiana-floods/) [Lake County, California](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/lake-county-california-fire-response/)   To schedule please call Steph Shenk at 800-241-8111 or email at [sshenk@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:sshenk@mds.mennonite.net).   **DIRECTOR’S BLUEPRINT** **We Remember You**   This has been the year of floods. West Virginia, Louisiana, and now Hurricane Matthew. In the past 12 months I have heard more reference to “historical floods” than in all of my 12 years with MDS. Recently, I visited Princeville, North Carolina where MDS worked 16 years ago after Hurricane Floyd. The town is now flooded by Hurricane Matthew. One of the first things I heard upon arriving in Princeville was “We remember you. You are coming back aren’t you?” We will be there…after all God remembers us, and we are not left alone. Thanks be to God!   Kevin King MDS Executive Director  https://gallery.mailchimp.com/119806f58860a681d3799601f/images/3ae33ce1-22b2-48ef-b19d-b8a50ce8ccd4.jpg MDS Executive Director, Kevin King speaking to Princeville Mayor Bobbie Jones.      If you would like to donate to MDS, please visit the website at [mds.mennonite.net](https://mds.mennonite.net/?sc=logo). | | | |
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