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| MDS Update for September 8, 2016 **Urgent Need for volunteers** **West Virginia Bridges**Project Director: Oct 3-Nov 15Office Manager: Oct 3-Nov 11Head Cook: Oct 3- Nov 11Heavy Equipment Operator: Oct 3- Nov 11 (can be scheduled on a week by week basis as needed) [Click here](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/west-virginia-bridges/) to learn more about WV Bridges.[Watch a video](https://youtu.be/_ignICTY4_E) about the first bridge. Apply [online](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-registration/) or call Alicia Hurst (717) 735-3536 ext. 122 or by email ahurst@mds.mennonite.net  **Detroit, Michigan**Office Manager: Oct 10-Nov 1Crew Leaders: Oct 10-Nov 11 [Click here](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/detroit-mi/) to learn more about MDS Detroit.[Watch a video](https://youtu.be/GfcByRdleHE) about MDS in Detroit. Apply [online](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-registration/) or call Alicia Hurst (717) 735-3536 ext. 122 or by email ahurst@mds.mennonite.net **Kamiah, Idaho**Volunteers are needed through October 15th in Kamiah, Idaho.  The work includes the construction of one new house and finishing work on two houses currently under construction. For more information or to apply contact John Eshleman, Region IV Board Chair, at 909-630-3660 cell or email region4@mds.mennonite.net **Saipan, NMI**Volunteers are needed for the Northern Mariana Islands. Volunteers must be able to commit for three weeks and depart on one of the following Fridays; September 23rd, September 30th or October 7th.  FEMA provides airfare.  For more information or to schedule, contact John Eshleman, Region IV Board Chair at 909-630-3660 cell or email region4@mds.mennonite.net[Click here](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/saipan/) to learn more about MDS Saipan. **If you wish to volunteer elsewhere, please consider:** **Central, Louisiana**Volunteers are needed for mucking out and cleanup work in the town of Central, Louisiana.[Click here](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/louisiana-floods/) to learn more and apply. **Lake and Calaveras counties, California**Volunteers are needed from home building in California.[Click here](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/lake-county-california-fire-response/) to learn more about Lake County and apply.[Click here](https://mds.mennonite.net/volunteer-opportunity/calaveras-county-california-fire-response/) to learn more about Calaveras County and apply.  **Here is a new feature of MDS Update from Executive Director, Kevin King**. **Director’s Blueprint**As MDS continues to focus on the clean-up work in Louisiana, rebuilding in West Virginia; Saipan, NMI; Kiamiah, Idaho; Detroit, Michigan; and soon in California, we are reminded to pray for those we serve and for those of us who are serving. MDS is the body at work, the church reflecting the love of Christ. “Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members are of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”  We invite you to be part of this body bring hope to those who have lost hope.**Blessings, Kevin King MDS Executive Director**  **Reminders****September is National Preparedness Month in the U.S**.No matter where you live, chances are you will find the National Preparedness Month resources from FEMA useful and worthwhile. Be ready.  <https://www.ready.gov/september> **Invite a Speaker**Did you know that MDS volunteers and staff love to share about the work of MDS? For inspiring stories about hope and bringing people home, invite an MDS speaker to your church, meeting or community gathering. <https://mds.mennonite.net/who-we-are/staff/#speaker>**To make a Donation:** [Click here](https://mds.mennonite.net/donate/donate-form/) for U.S. [Click here](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/mennonite-disaster-service-region-v-incorporated/) for Canada   |

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