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MDS Update for November 3, 2016

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for those still recovering from the June flooding in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. The flooding, the worst in centuries, caused major destruction and damage especially in the town of White Sulphur Springs where more than a dozen people died and 200 homes were damaged or destroyed. MDS volunteer have been working there since June. Long-term work begins next week so continue praying for the community and its members as well as the volunteers working and restoring hope to residents.



Visit the [MDS website](#) for updates on this project as well as all MDS related projects.

URGENT NEEDS FOR MDS PROJECTS

The opportunities listed below are current as of this week. Occasionally there are schedule changes that open new volunteer opportunities. Please check here and the website for our latest updates.

Weekly Volunteers needed for Fall Projects!

MDS is looking for weekly volunteers at the following projects. To get scheduled, please call the Volunteer Development Team at 800-241-8111 or email Alicia Hurst at ahurst@mds.mennonite.net.

[West Virginia Bridges](#): Nov 20-26

[Greenbrier County, West Virginia](#): Nov 20-26

[Detroit, Michigan](#): Nov 20-Dec 10

MDS IS NOW SCHEDULING FOR WINTER 2017!

We are now scheduling volunteers for January through March 2017! To get scheduled, please call Steph Shenk at 800-241-8111 or inquire [here](#).

Project locations:

[Lafayette, Louisiana](#) (currently at volunteer capacity through April 1)

[Lake County, California](#) (volunteers needed March 26-April 1)

[Calaveras County, California](#) (currently at volunteer capacity through April 1)

[Andrews, South Carolina](#) (currently at volunteer capacity through April 1)

LONG-TERM AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

MDS is looking for volunteers to fill in for leadership positions at the following project locations. To get scheduled, please call Evelyn Peters-Rojas at 866-261-1274 or email at epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net.

RV program

Andrews, SC – space available for one RV (couple or 2 singles) from Nov 7-Dec. 16 (come for minimum of 4 weeks)

West Virginia Bridges

Crew Leader – Nov 13-Dec 16

Heavy Equipment Operator – Nov 20-Dec 3

Lafayette, LA

Crew Leaders – Dec 4-17

Greenbrier, WV

Assistant Cook – Nov 27-Dec 16

Crew Leader – Nov 27-Dec 16

DIRECTOR'S BLUEPRINT

Bringing Joy & Happiness

The old adage “Some people bring happiness when they come and others when they go” came to mind this week when I read a weekly report from our project in Bastrop, TX. The report said, “Ms. Etta does not want to see us leave, so when I asked her to sign off on the Job Card, she looked at me and said, “You just all fixin’ to leave me, aren’t ya?” The thought of that made her reluctant to sign off! Before she would let us move on to the next job, Ms. Etta and her friends fixed us a BIG lunch that they served to us in her newly finished home. They served this meal to us complete with tablecloth and all, so we felt very blessed as a team!!

Kevin King

MDS Executive Director



MDS Executive Director, Kevin King speaking with Ms. Burrows. The Andrews, SC RV Unit worked at repairing her home in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.

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