

## **ANE Disaster Response Update**

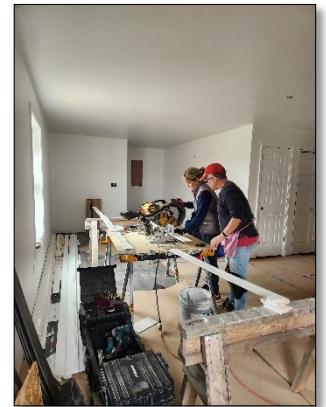
### ***Dawson Springs, Kentucky tornado recovery efforts***

#### **Spring Creek Church of the Brethren**



On Sunday March 12, 2023, nine volunteers from Spring Creek COB (Hershey, PA) and one volunteer from Annville COB (PA) arrived in Madisonville, KY to begin their Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) work week in Dawson Springs, KY. We stayed at the bunkhouse and 'lodge' that BDM has built inside the Habitat for Humanities warehouse. Lynn Evans provided administrative support, Nancy Kopp and Martie Hummel handled the food and housekeeping duties, Ed Olkowski and Brian Roten were the construction foremen. An excellent staff all around!

The group was divided into three teams. Two teams under Ed's supervision worked all week on adjacent newbuild houses, sharing tools, jobs, and team members. Building on the work done by previous teams, they hung kitchen cabinets, laid more laminate flooring, and installed baseboard and door trim. Both teams were privileged to meet the future owners of the two homes. The third team with Brian in the lead did many different jobs in a number of houses. Their work included hanging insulation, installing siding, and painting.



We had a special treat on Wednesday night, walking to the nearby Madisonville First United Methodist Church to enjoy a wonderful congregate meal.

As always, when we return from a BDM trip we think back on our experiences - about the work that we did and the people we met; the misfortune and devastation we saw and our determined efforts to alleviate some of that. Most importantly there is the realization of how blessed we are in our own lives - not just by what we have been given, but also by the opportunity to share our time with others in need and to do so in a spirit of fellowship and love.

Thanks to BDM and the staff in Madisonville for a safe, productive, and meaningful week. And thanks be to God!

