

REACH MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION, SUN. 8/20/17



Send-Off in parking lot @ Trinity UCC in Hanover, PA on Sat. 7/15/17 at 7:30 am.

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REACH Mission Trip—The purpose of REACH Mission Trips is to draw people into a closer relationship with God, building stronger friendships with team members in Christ, and becoming a living example of Jesus, loving our Neighbor as ourselves.

REACH volunteers from St. Jacob's Stone UCC Church & Zion UCC of Arendtsville gathered on Sun. 8/20/17 to offer to the Congregation a presentation of their mission trip to Crossville, TN. Stone Church sent 35 people—24 youth and 11 adult volunteers to Crossville, TN with work buckets, two trailers of tools and equipment, several vans for volunteers, and many well-wishers saying goodbye to the group before volunteers left Hanover PA at 7:30 am. Their journey together during the week was recounted in a story & photo presentation. The group traveled to Homestead Elementary School, their homebase. They were divided into work crews with many other church & youth groups from across the country. After each day's breakfast, the crews would gather for morning devotions, then travel to their work crew assignment locations, meet their neighbor, and complete all the tasks listed for their neighbor. At the end of the workday, crews would travel back to homebase, clean up, and have supper & evening devotions. Wednesday was a short workday with crews returning to homebase, clean up, and have the afternoon for a group activity. Stone Church group visited Ozone Falls State Natural Area for a refreshing walk on trails and water. After a busy week of work repairing & constructing on many neighbor's properties, the group gave each neighbor gifts to keep and said good-byes. Over and over, neighbors expressed their appreciation for all the work that was completed. One neighbor was amazed that young people sacrificed their summer fun time for work to help her. On leaving Crossville, the group traveled to Dollywood for a day of fun. Sunday was a traveling day to return home on July 23rd. During the presentation, group members expressed appreciation to the Congregation for their financial donations and support.

Jeff Trump began the presentation with 1 Peter 4:10 on which the 2017 mission theme was based—“*Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*” He went on to recount a list of work that the group helped to complete during their week together, including:

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| 1. Building 10 Ramps (16-45 feet) | 7. Roof Repairs—3 |
| 2. Deck Constructions—12 | 8. Replace Whole Roof—1 |
| 3. Deck Repairs—12 Homes | 9. Aluminum Roof Coat—5 |
| 4. Interior Painting—13 Homes (multiple rooms in each home) | 10. Gutter Repair—7 |
| 5. Exterior Painting—18 | 11. Interior Floor Repairs—5 |

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6. Exterior Paint Trim—10

12. Siding Replacement—1

Members of Stone Church volunteers shared stories of their work together and getting to know their neighbor. While there was a lot of work to be done, everybody had fun too!



Missy Anstine's crew working on her neighbor's roof.



Cleaning the house siding.



Roofing in the summer sun.



ABOVE—Carly Smith gets her hair done by Abbey Moul with Andrea Shue helping. BELOW—Girl's digs in library.

ABOVE—Missy Anstine & Sue Bortner @ Crossville Elementary School. BELOW—Cataract at Ozone Falls.

LEFT—Not all work with no fun--Gerald Shue relaxes on Wednesday afternoon @ Ozone Falls State Natural Area. RIGHT—Chris Henry enjoys a fun ride @ Dollywood on Sat. 7/19/17.

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Invitation to Youth & Adults—*Would you like to have a closer relationship with God, make new friends, and work for Jesus?* Stone Church invites others to join them as volunteers in next year's REACH Mission trip to Vassar MI for a week on **July 8—14, 2018**. Please contact Jeff Trump by October 1, 2017 of your intentions. REACH forms can be found on the REACH website under Resources tab & Forms tab.



LEFT---REACH Volunteer Group Photo @ Crossville TN with Tee shirts & gym bags. Tee shirt words: REACHING for GOD. ABOVE---Day 2 is High Sock Day.



Sharing lunch with my neighbor; constructing her ramp, and sharing gifts on Friday, the last day before we return home.



Chad Henry's selfie—His crew on his neighbor's brand-new porch.

THANK YOU ! – REACH youth & adult volunteers wish to thank the Stone Church Congregation for your generous donations to help our REACH group achieve their goal—go out into communities and help people in need. The community of Crossville, TN received not only manpower to do the work, but also heard and saw

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Jesus' love in action. Your participation in all the fundraising—sub sales, car washes, Lent meals, and Giant gift card sales helps send our volunteers on the mission to help others.