



Mennonite Disaster Service

Oklahoma Unit

Mission

Here I am Lord, send me

A Word from Bob Yoder Oklahoma MDS Co-Chairman

Acts of Kindness. A number of Sundays ago, the sermon was "Acts of Kindness". Throughout the Bible there are numerous stories and events of people doing acts of kindness for others. Today we have many ministries where we are able to share acts of kindness to others in need. Oklahoma MDS is just one of many of those opportunities where a person can share. One doesn't need special skills necessarily to be involved in MDS. I believe God had created us in such a way, that we find a spiritual blessing in helping others. James 2:17-18 talks about faith and deeds. Our faith in Christ involves doing "acts of kindness" for others, whatever ministry that might be. For me, MDS offers many opportunities to help others, and I find not only is the recipient blessed, but I find satisfaction in helping others a blessing as well. Even after a long hot day at work, it is great to see the one we're helping having a big smile of thankfulness and gratitude on their face.

Opportunity to Serve (Work continues in Avant)

The Covid Virus has affected everybody causing us to change the way we do things. However, people are still experiencing loss due to disasters and **Oklahoma MDS** wants to be there for them. In Avant we have been there helping people recover from flood damage for a year. Numerous projects have been completed but a new one is just now beginning. A mobile home has been purchased on site for a family of five who have been living in an old service station. However, much work is to be done including the installation of a new roof, handicapped deck and ramp, skirting, and landscaping. Please be watching and listening for when the work begins and you would have an opportunity to help.

Yukon Trailer Project

The month of June and July has found **Oklahoma MDS** working on a trailer belonging to a single lady who has lived in it since 1984 located in Yukon. The trailer was damaged from high winds in a spring 2019 storm.



Water had leaked down a vent pipe causing extreme damage to the south wall. Volunteers tore out the damaged studs replacing them. They also had to replace the plywood to prepare for new vinyl siding.

The finished side really looks great. We pray that the efforts are a witness for our Lord.

Included in our efforts was the replacing of the deck which was in horrible disrepair. As you can see there is still work to be done. Bob will be asking for volunteers at a time to finish the deck on other small jobs.



Passing Blessings Forward

Oklahoma MDS is one of ten Region 3 units which have received a generous donation from an anonymous giver. We want to pass these blessings on to those in need who have experienced loss due to natural disasters. The monies are being used to purchase new tools for our tool trailer: air compressor, generator, lithium batteries, and much more. We pray God will help us to use these tools to bless those who are helped and that they will be drawn to Him.





Bob Yoder has worked hard to build shelves in the trailer. The tools are well organized..



When it's lunch time in the summer in Oklahoma, and there are no shade trees around, the trailer serves as a relief for lunch time.

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