

Disciples of Christ Mission Trip to BR3T – July 8, 2016

As mentioned last month, July is a month where we have mission trips from all over this country helping out our clients in Wimberley, San Marcos and Martindale. This week alone, more than 270 volunteers from 24 churches are helping out, in addition to our AmeriCorps team that is down to its last week. Projects range from building a deck to sanding sheetrock.

On one home pictured below, 17 volunteers from FCC (First Christian Church) San Angelo and 20 volunteers from FCC Tyler repainted the home inside and out, trimmed and even replaced a few older windows. Right down the street, 8 members of Westmont Christian Church in Lubbock repaired the trim on a home that others had been working on.

Having the opportunity to watch the work and see the results demonstrates the true heart of the volunteers involved.



At a home in Wimberley, a team from FCC Paris in Tennessee worked alongside our AmeriCorps team with sanding and finishing of sheetrock that was previously installed. This team, made up of 9 youth and 5 adults traveled over 14 hours to assist the families we serve. We are truly blessed to be able to work with dedicated people like this. One of the comments made by one of the youth who had served on other mission trips was that she felt more connected on this trip. Working on the homes in this area, hearing the stories and learning the story of the person who was flooded out helped her understand how important her service is to the people she was helping.

Something that is truly inspiring is that people not only give up their time to help others, but also pay or raise money to do so. Although we only see the efforts for the few days they are here, a mission trip is often a months long process or raising funds, getting ready and traveling. For all 24 churches, the total distance traveled to help our clients was 5,620 miles each way. Not including time for rest stops, meal breaks or rest that would take a person over 86 hours to drive.

This weeks story is just a snapshot of the massive volunteer effort we have during the month of July. More reason to be thankful for the people who are willing to go out of their way in service to their fellow man. More proof that the values and spirit we hold dear in this Nation are still there, they are not just gaining the headlines as much.