

Texas Baptist Disaster Recovery Teams make significant impact July 28, 2016

In addition to all of the Mission Teams that have been assisting us these past few weeks, three teams of skilled volunteers with the support of Three Rivers Community Church in Martindale made significant progress on seven homes. TBDR teams worked on homes in Martindale, San Marcos and Wimberley. In a few cases they picked up where other teams left off and in one case finished off punch list items allowing for final inspection. That home in Martindale, flooded out by the Memorial Day Weekend Storm now has its Certificate of Occupancy is ready to return to being a family home.



In another home in Martindale they finished the electrical, hung the last of the drywall and completed the tape and texturing. They were also able to begin the interior trim and this home is another major step closer for the owner to reoccupy.

In San Marcos they continued the framing work of a new home being built on Redwood Drive. This home, pictured as one of the jobsites of Missionpalooza in last week's update, is now ready for trusses and exterior sheathing. TBDR teams also assisted a flood survivor with the cleanup of an overgrown yard and clearing of brush. In both cases, in the lives of the people victimized by last year's floods, they are one step closer to being back to a sense of normalcy.





In Wimberley they finished painting one home, installed tile in another and finished the exterior work on a home on Wilson Creek Circle. In one of these homes, the owner squeezed into the Master Bedroom portion while work was accomplished in the rest of the home. Over this past weekend, she has moved out of the Master Bedroom into her restored home and crews will refinish that room. It takes little imagination to know how grateful this flood survivor is for TBDT and BR3T.

One of the frustrating things with volunteer teams is they are only here for a finite period of time. A home might require the work of a number of teams spread out over many months. Additionally, there may be breaks in time that teams are available to work on a project. All we can do is keep moving forward, one team, one home at a time. We should always be grateful that there are so many great people willing to travel across this state or this nation to help someone they do not even know. Even with the occasional frustration at how slow the process can be, that one fact makes this Long Term Recovery process amazing.