

Mission Trip – Work Day 1 – August 7, 2018



Today was kind of a different day for the mission team. Most of us are used to working in West Va.'s cooler temperatures. Today the high was 94 and it felt like 100+. The five on the roof definitely felt the 100+++.

They were Chuck, Carol, Nancy, Kerry and Renée. Dean, Mikayla, and Isabelle and I did some odd jobs then removed the molding and paneling in a large family room and the dry wall in another room. We had a huge dumpster to load the scrap shingles and paneling. It was very exhausting in the heat and we stopped work at

about 3pm. We really missed popsicle break and Joni's breakfast. Nancy made an egg casserole for tomorrow morning. There is another group of about 20 here with us. We are lucky we beat them back to get to the three female showers that we have for about 18 women. They let it slip that the house they worked on today was air conditioned. It's supposed to be cooler tomorrow. The good news is it waited until we got home to rain. It's sad, many of the people effected by Hurricane Matthew have been displaced from their homes for two years. There are a lot of delays and red tape that is not kind to them at all. We met the owner of the house we are working on. She was so appreciative. She had an appointment today but said she would be there tomorrow morning at 9:30 with her working clothes on and some treats for us. Thank you all for your prayers, we had a safe day except for the fire ants that did not like Mikayla (or maybe liked her too well).

Cathy

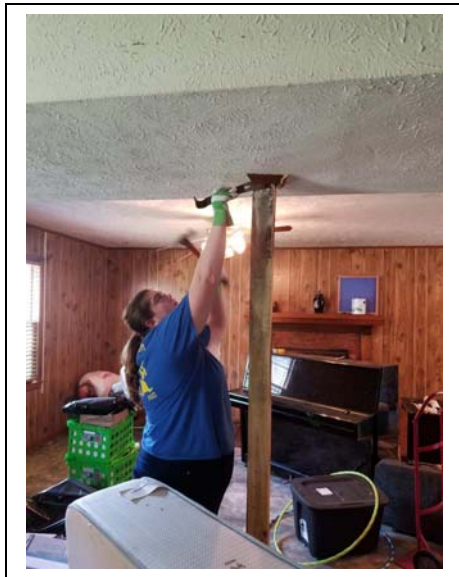
We are all so exhausted tonight, we are not even playing cards. Chuck, Dean and Cathy are working on the puzzle and the rest of us are just sitting around. The heat was really exhausting today and it took a lot out of us. We were able to get a large portion of the roof removed and ready to start roofing tomorrow. Thanks Margaret S. for our spaghetti tonight. It was easy and we were able to get it ready and eat even though the other group was still in the kitchen. Joni, we really miss you, but you would not have liked all the people in the kitchen. We're glad we have easy meals to heat up so we're not falling over each other. Thanks to Nancy for stepping in to do some of our kitchen duties.



My only complaint with where we are staying is that we're on the second floor and the restrooms and showers are on the first floor. It is nice and cool though and our end of the building where we are staying has a nice room to hang out in'. It has a TV and even a refrigerator so we can bring our drinks up here and not have to go down to the kitchen. We even have real mattresses in our rooms.

It's suppose to be cooler tomorrow, I sure hope so.

Until tomorrow,
Carol



First of all, thanks for the send-off lunch from church. I don't believe there was any discontentment as we drove down to Fayetteville, NC; at least not in my car. I guess we all paid attention to the sermon earlier in the day. We arrived approximately 4:30 PM and moved into our rooms – male and female. We moved our refrigerated and freezer food into the kitchen and dry goods onto a spare table in the dining area. Although the kitchen is large there is little counter or cabinet space; and, we have to share both the kitchen and dining area with another mission team, which is larger than our team. We received a short orientation briefing last night and then a more thorough one this morning after Morning Prayer and breakfast before we went off to our job site. A house that was damaged from Hurricane Matthew, 22 months ago,

and still not livable. One group worked on the roof, scraping off the old shingles and then carting them to the dumpster on the other side of the house. The other group worked inside, removing damaged paneling and dry wall. With the heat index at 100 it was hot inside because we did not have A/C and couldn't open all the windows, but at least we had fans. I can't imagine what it was like working on a black roof with no shade. Our fearless Mission Team Chief finally called it a day about 3:00 PM – thank goodness. Some of us did some shopping on the way home, to include me (I forgot my shower shoes). After a refreshing shower we had a delicious dinner, and then everyone kind of chilled out for the rest of the evening before going to bed. We were all pretty tired.

Until tomorrow,
dean