

Dear Friends

At the September Presbytery meeting we told you of an opportunity to do some mission work in Findlay, Ohio. Well it was short notice and then PDA didn't open the site up as early as we had hoped for people to make their plans. We did have many people express an interest but the timing was not quite right. Well I want to tell you that my husband and I did go over to Bucyrus, Ohio for just the day and had a wonderful experience. We left home by 6:30 a.m. from the Youngstown area and were ready to work by 9:00 a.m. Our morning assignment was hauling all the debris out of the basement for a woman who was on oxygen and used a walker and we were so happy to be of assistance to. We were only there a short time when 9 folks from Buffalo came and pitched in. With that many people we were able to really clean it well. We scrubbed the walled down with Clorox and then even power washed everything. After a quick bite for lunch we were then asked to go to a house that the church owned and just hadn't taken the time for their own cleanup due to trying to help others in the community. We spent the rest of the afternoon doing the same kind of work. The Bucyrus area lost 60 homes during the flooding and had 160 homes that were inhabitable at the time. So if you have a week to spare or just one day I really recommend a trip to the Findlay or Bucyrus area. For information about helping you would want to start with Penny at PDA at 866-732-6121. Since we were only coming for the day she had us call Tammy Robinson directly at 419-562-1732 to line up day work. I do not know quite as much about the Findlay area but Lucy Russell at 419-260-5831 would be glad to help in any way. All cleaning supplies were provided including masks and gloves. The people we spoke to were so appreciative and couldn't believe anyone would drive 2.5 hours to come help them. At this time they are still doing clean up work and not much construction. Please let me know if any of you are planning a trip for I would like to join any group going and hope you will consider a trip there yourself.

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