

Mission in Our Own Back Yard! Flood Recovery Work

Eastminster Presbytery has now sent at least two teams to help with flood recovery work in our sister Presbytery of Maumee Valley. Marianne Lidstone and her husband went to Bucyrus to help with clean-up during the month of October (see previous story). In November, a team of four from Wickliffe Presbyterian Church went to Ottawa to help with painting a newly dry-walled home being restored from heavy flood damage. For three of the team members, this was their first mission trip experience! Seeing the flood damage in person helped us all realize how easily a natural disaster can turn any of our lives upside-down, and what a gift of encouragement it is to have people willing to come alongside to help. The determined spirit of those living in Ottawa encouraged us—with faithful help, they are rebuilding their lives, homes, businesses, schools, churches, and community!

The Volunteer Coordinators said there will be work to help with for many months yet—drywalling, drywall finishing, painting, electrical and plumbing, and still some cleaning. Please call Tammy Robinson at 419-562-1732 to coordinate shorter trips. If a project is not available in Bucyrus at the time you are available, she can help direct you to contacts in the Findlay and Ottawa areas. For longer trips, please work through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.