

Mission Builder Messenger

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**Thank you to  
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who have chosen to help  
Mission Builders help others  
on our summer  
projects in N.  
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Mission Builders is a ministry within the Congregational and Synodical Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## Update from the Director...

In mid May Becky & I left the Mexico Beach/ Cape San Blas area of Florida devastated by Hurricane Michael behind. We left without resolution of whether our own church would be rebuilt and headed north for the summer.

For people new to our newsletter, each spring people from all walks of life pack their RV's or their cars and head out to a new locale to help congregations and camps build structures needed for their outreach ministries.

This year's projects involve building 40,000 square feet of new buildings valued at approximately \$8 million dollars. When the books are closed on all of the projects, we will have saved those ministries approximately 1.5 million dollars. We are on track to have almost 35 Mission Builders traveling to or working on one of the projects. Our people have had opportunities to volunteer in the local communities and for the ministries we are working for, and have seen and experienced many new parts of the country and their local flavor. For me, almost as important as everything else mentioned above, through our actions we will directly touch and witness to approximately 400 volunteers.

If you have been thinking about working alongside us, we have a fall/ winter opportunity in W. Columbia, SC starting in November. RV sites will be available.

This winter our organization changed our policy regarding future building projects. Our board has implemented a vetting document for ministries and are sharing more best practices/ guidelines for ministries in an effort that they be ready for Mission Builders with RV parking and foundations before we get on-site. We also have specified activities needed by a congregation to set the stage for working with local building officials not familiar with our ministry. All of these initiatives are reinforced with a larger non-refundable deposit upfront.

**Lutherdale** is one of the top five largest ELCA camps in the US. The year round ministry identified a need (several years ago) for a building that could combine a conference center with hotel style handicap accessible rooms comfortable for our aging population. One of Mission Builders pro-bono architects Bob Apel provided floor plans as well as renderings for consideration of their board. In addition, we had former Mission Builder Managers Ted Erkenbrack and Bill Speer do project cost estimating. Because estimates came back higher than anticipated, the camp explored alternative building methods. Ultimately, it was determined that the hotel room wings could be constructed as 14'x54' modules in a factory, trucked in, placed by a crane providing several hundred thousand dollars in savings.

Eventually, the project was turned over to a local architect to provide engineering and construction drawings. Because of the size of the project and being in a Northern climate (shorter building season) we asked that a foundation be in place when we arrived in the spring.

Steve and Carole Schenk arrived in Early May as construction manager and coordinating wife. The first foundation plates were placed Memorial Day week.

First week of June: A large group of very competent volunteers arrived from Atone-ment Lutheran who made quick work placing floor joists over the large storage areas, on either side of the center timber frame span-concrete slab section which now support the welcome center & conference rooms



Week Two: The crew wored on building walls for the N side of the conference center. Bob and Rorie Chinnock from Chaska, MN brought friends and volunteered for two weeks.



Week Three: The focus was on the South side of the conference center (building walls).

Week Four: Tied everything together and completed blocking as well as other items. Jim and Chris Dyess arrived and Jim immediately assumed the foreman role to help sort through many challenges with our plans our, foundation and the overall project.



Week Five: We received the 8-1/2" x 9-1/2" Timber frame posts and started to place the plates. We quickly learned that our spancrete deck provided by a local sub contractor was not level. Thus ,an anticipated three day project of setting posts took six work days.



Week Six: We completed setting posts and worked on building window walls that would fit in between several of the large posts.

Week Seven: We received the 12 large fully assembled timber frame trusses on two wide/long load semis with each truss weighing about what a Ford Expedition does. A heavy lift crane came in and, with a tremendous team effort in one day, 7 Mission builders, three Mission Builder spouses (working alongside the regular team) and three other volunteers were able to prepare, set, and brace these beautiful trusses. By the end of the week additional volunteers including ladies from a church that had been great help earlier in the building process worked alongside Mission Builders to complete fill in walls between the trusses.



Do you like the bright shirts? Servants of Christ– Indianapolis provided a gift for safety shirts for volunteers & re–printing of all of our recruiting and informational materials.





Week Eight: We took delivery of almost 100 Structural Insulation panels, most of which were 4' x 16' long. In five work days approximately 2/3rd of the roof was covered. Half of the Mission Builder spouses played a key role in preparing the panels, applying glue to the sides where panels meet up, installing splines, attaching lift plates, & driving the material handler doing lifting tasks.



As this new work week starts August 6th we hope to complete the SIPS & start installation of the conventional trusses.





Front entrance and meeting rooms on right side



Top large conference room above, with staff apartments below. To the right is foundation for 1/2 of hotel room modules.



Social time after a fulfilling day.



Shirley Emrick designed and made belt pouches to hold the 12" SIP screws.

Ladies in our group have created a Nativity set that will be auctioned later this week for the benefit of Lutherdale.

Clara Spitler, who along with Dave her husband were unable to work at Lutherdale this summer, due to health challenges provided a beautiful quilt also for the auction.



Our crew has been dynamic and flexible to achieve such tremendous progress coming from the following backgrounds before Mission Builders...eye surgeon, pastor, machinist/ auto manufacturing , geologist who worked for big oil, professional carpenter and construction superintendent, a NASA project manager, Health care management, IT management, bank vice president, pharmaceutical new drug development, sales, and marketing, multiple teachers, and a swimming. instructor.

All of these people share a couple of key traits.

- ◆ The willingness to unselfishly share their God given talents with others by constructing churches and camp structures that will be used to minister to others.
- ◆ They are people that witness and proudly share what is possible when Christians come together to exemplify through their coordinated efforts “Gods Work, Our Hands” each work day.



On our national church day of “Gods Work...Our Hands” August 11, we will be in Oconomowock, WI partnering with Our Saviour’s to build 12 park benches for Lutherdale.

The local vicinity has provided fertile ground for day excursions away from Camp with the following being only a few of the sights of interest... Gus's Drive In complete with a vintage car show every Saturday night.



Near and dear to all of our hearts are food and beverages. Where else in America today can you get a large Walleye meal with multiple sides for \$7.95 on a Friday night accompanied with a New Glarus...only in Wisconsin. Rib fest came to Elkhorn, WI with good food and good music. The mural above is from nearby Delevan, WI.



Weekend trips found MB's at the Circus World Museum, Old World Wisconsin, House on the Rock, Taliesen East, Door County, Harley Davidson Museum, EAA Air Venture Museum, Wisconsin Dells, the Lake Geneva mail boat tour and many more activities.

With a commitment from a smaller portion of the crew to stay after Labor Day, I am confident that we will accomplish what we came here to do... frame and enclose about 7,000 sq. ft. in four months with an average crew of 5 Mission Builders. God Provides.





Left: We attended the contemporary outdoor service at Atonement Lutheran Muskego, WI.

Each week we attend a different church in the area to spread the word about Mission Builders and re- unite with volunteers we have met.

Right: Mission Builder spouses painting bolts.



Camp Director Jeff Bluhm takes Mission Builders on an enjoyable-boat ride on one of the three lakes attached to Lutherdale



## Metigoshe Ministries Build - Words from Mission Builder Team Members



Working at Metigoshe Ministries is our second build with Mission Builders. Last year we were in Minot at Bread of Life and were blessed with an excellent first experience.

As we look back on our first day last year, it is clear that we were put in an ideal place to learn about the faith and fellowship that go into a Mission Builder project. What a great place to begin this journey! This year we have had the opportunity to experience a completely



different build with a whole new understanding of how this type of build is completed.

The way that Mission Builders is structured helped us to become comfortable in Minot and now again at Metigoshe. Having morning devotions has given us a chance to get to know the Mission Builders that we had not met last year and Metigoshe staff. Being together praying, reading, and singing builds new relationships and strengthens the established friendships. Knowing that every Thursday we join people connected with Metigoshe Ministries for dinner is wonderful and this, too, has provided relationship growth.

Being at Metigoshe has expanded our knowledge of two types of builds. Just like before, we are not only involved in the daily work of building but we are included in other people's lives. Working side by side with the volunteers from local churches and the community and Mission Builders from other parts of the country has offered us interesting, and often different, perspectives on life, service, and ways to share God's love. While we were prepared to learn what was needed to complete this project, we were not prepared for the fun of seeing the friends that we made last summer and meeting the Mission Builders that we had heard so much about last year. It has been a great summer!

*I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength for my work. I thank him for considering me worthy and appointing me to serve him (1 Timothy 1:12)*      God is good! Rejoice!      **Vickie & Don Harris Venice, FL**



Blessing and raising the first wall June 18th

I heard of Mission Builders after someone gave a temple talk asking for volunteers to help with the dining hall build at Camp of the Cross in 2015. For several weekends I assisted. I wonder what Steve Schenk thought about the "Bismarck volunteer". Over the following weeks I learned more construction techniques and met more of the mission builders. What an awesome group of people! Such diversity of backgrounds, with such a similar calling and desire to help others. The mission builders and their spouses made me feel welcome from the very first day. When Dianne was able to go with me, they welcomed her into the group, too. The ladies even called us at home and invited her on a shop hop to area quilting shops. She enjoyed that time.

In 2017 I volunteered a week for the build in Great Falls, Montana. Jim Dyess was the lead on that project, but there were several familiar faces: Steve and Carol Schenk, and Alan and Sue Ost.

Currently I am working with the crew at the Meti-goshie build near Bottineau, ND. Another fine group to work with. Except for the Ost's they are all new to me,



with lots of varied life experiences. I look forward to getting to know them as the summer build continues. I wonder if the Texans will still be here as the snow clouds form on the horizon.

Why Mission Builders? – For over 60 years, beginning with my father, people have invested time and effort teaching me about construction. There is still a long way to go, but it is time I pay forward their efforts. For me, Mission Builders is not purely altruistic. It is so enjoyable and rewarding. Becoming friends with a very diverse group of people from all over the country. Getting to know the owners of the mission build. Sharing experiences. Learning new construction skills. What's not to like? I almost feel guilty considering I much I gain compared to what I contribute.

**Craig Stange Bismarck, ND**

### **BACK AGAIN...HURRAH!**

It was by accident that it all happened in the first place last year, in the late spring of 2018. As a retired pastor, I had been reading about things going on in the ELCA and found a couple of lines with a plea. Volunteers were needed, it said, at a Mission Build project in Minot ND at the Bread of Life Lutheran Church right now. It sounded an awful like what I already had been doing with Habitat for Humanity of the Northwoods in my area.

I am from Wisconsin but my wife is from North Dakota and we presently live in the North woods of Wisconsin. She was gracious enough to let me go out into the land of her Norwegian relatives and have a try. Got there with my truck camper and parked amongst the RV's already there in the church parking lot and went to work. What a treat being a part of a special team of folks that I could see already thoroughly enjoyed what they were doing for the congregation out there way up on the hill over-looking the Mouse River. I spent a few days short of a month before having to return home for other obligations.

Then with the snowflakes flying I read the newsletter from Bill Graves mid-winter inviting folks to join one of the 2019 Builds. The one that I knew would catch my eye was at Camp Metigoshe by the International Peace Gardens. I was privileged to attend the “ground breaking “ during the Minot Build and saw another delightful possibility to come back to with my hammer and knee pads and whatever.

And so here I am back again... hurrah... after jury duty and a family trip and now ready for the action of the team of builders. There are 11 of us plus or minus each day and hard at work assembling a Conference Center for the folks at the camp. I have been teamed up with a retired fire-

man from Oregon which to me has been true delight and together we plod along under the



graceful eye of our site managers making sure our work is up to par. We share in devotions each mid-morning during that break and then we are treated to another afternoon break to make each day most memorable. We end each workday with the wives gathered at one of the camp sites for our favorite beverage and lots of reminiscing and laughter of the day’s events.

Then just in case we haven’t had enough, we head out fishing in one of the camps pontoon boats or out to a local restaurant or out to a program at the Peace Gardens, and when all is done, back to bed ready for another day. Folks from the local congregation invite the gang for a meal in the Christian Center or one of their homes once a week as thanks for doing what we are doing for their Center, Camp and community.

Not sure because I am getting older BUT at least in my mind right now ...” I will be back again” and it will be for sure another “hurrah” moment.

**Pastor Gerald Check,**

Retired Pastor, member of Grace Lutheran Church, Tomahawk, WI

## Reflections from a first time Mission Builder

Metigoshe Christian Center does not mean much to someone who has grown up and spent their life on the west coast. Summer of 2019 took us to this beautiful spot...both in terms of natural beauty, but also in beautiful people and Christian ideas. We arrived in early June and are preparing to leave the job site in late July. The weeks that have transpired have built not only a portion of the new Christian Center, but in lifelong friendships.

The welcoming nature of all those whom we had the privilege of meeting and working with will stay with us forever. The congregation of Metigoshe Lutheran Church and Metigoshe Ministries are some wonderful folks, with sights set on new lodging rooms, offices and conference center. We were accommodated with a nice RV spot near the construction site with full hook-ups. The hard work of planning, designing and fund raising was completed prior to our arrival.....our only task was to help the ministries execute their dream.



Volunteers from around the area arrived and contributed greatly to the project. They took on various tasks including building walls, installing rafter hurricane clips, cleaning up our construction waste, caulking, and nailing with big hearts and big smiles. Tasty snacks arrived each day for our breaks and weekly group dinners at host homes gave us time to commune with other Christians. Church services were AWESOME and full of energy in the song and messages. John and Pastor Cole are to be commended for the fine work in God's name that is occurring here. It is impossible to put into words the joy of Christ we felt every day.

Mission Builders....how can you say enough about the commitment, effort and skills they brought to their work! A safe work site, proper tools and much passion for perfection is evident in the work already completed. Everyone has contributed hard work and helpful thoughts to get the work done in a safe and efficient manner. I knew only three Mission Builders from a previous project, so 10 new Mission Builder friends is a wonderful treat. (I hope to do many more projects with these special people.)

I am blessed to have worked on this special project in this special place. May all who visit, stay or use the facility on Lake Metigoshe feel the same LOVE and serenity we have found here. God is truly at work here!

**God Bless.....Rejoice!!**

**Peter, Debbie and Kallie Ribble Redmond, OR**

## **Do you like to learn new things?**

Have you ever wondered what to look for in a house you were considering buying? Become a Mission Builder!

I learned of Mission Builders when my mother sent me a clipping from the local newspaper about a build in Bittinger, MD and suggesting it might be of interest when I retired.

We joined Mission Builders in November, 2004. Jobs we've worked on are: Chapel at Lutherhill (2004), La Grange, TX; parsonage at Iglesia Luterana San Lucas (2007-2008), Eagle Pass, TX; entrance and portico at St. Matthews Lutheran Church (2011-2012), Fort Worth, TX; dining hall at Camp of the Cross (2015), Garrison, ND, con-



struction of six cabins at Camp Metigoshe (2017), Bottineau, ND, remodeling and expansion of Christ Lutheran Church (2018), Fernalde, WA, and currently the expansion of the conference center for Metigoshe Ministries, Bottineau, ND.

Every job is unique with its own set of challenges and rewards. On the first job, I had never used a pneumatic nailer. It was rewarding to learn. On the second job, we had to raise the roof trusses by hand, sliding them up 2x4's and then working them into position. We also had to drywall the interior and I learned how to texture. At St. Matthews, I learned to operate a man lift.

At Camp of the Cross, weather was our first challenge. The footers flooded and we ran the pump 24 hour a day for weeks. Later we were challenged to put the large beams for the covered patio together. They came with a box of hardware and no instructions.

At Camp Metigoshe the group was challenged to complete cabins so they could be used by the campers. We were able to complete three in time for them to be occupied. At Metigoshe Ministries, there have been several challenges. First was the construction and installation of the fire wall. The wall doesn't go straight across the building, but zig zags through the structure. And then there was the removal of the over 100 year old stained glass windows for relocation.

No matter your skill level or desire to learn new skills, Mission Builders is very fulfilling. Soon, people you just met will seem like old friends as you get together for Lutheran hour after work to enjoy some relaxing conversation.

**John & Sandy Sharps Livingston, TX**

### **Why we still Mission Build**

We are often asked "Why do you continue to do Mission Builder Projects". The answer is simple. We love it. Where else can you travel to different locations, meet and work with new friends every year and do what you like to do. Every year is a new experience. We have been Mission Builders for 17 years, missing only 1 year due to back surgery. We have built in 9 states on about 20 projects, everywhere from New York to Oregon. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Metigoshe, North Dakota building cabins, Gary's Place and expanding the Christian center. Mission Building is our way of serving the



One of many successful

Lord. He has given us good health and the abilities to serve. We will continue to build as long as we are able.

**Les & Jeanne Sitz Hamilton, TX**

## METIGOSHE SERVICE PROJECT – DAYS FOR GIRLS

The Mission Builder spouses at Metigoshe Ministries are making Days for Girls kits. If you're not familiar with Days for Girls, you can read their web-site [daysforgirls.org](http://daysforgirls.org).

The kits provide washable and re-usable feminine hygiene products for girls. The supplies in the kit enable girls in developing countries to go to

school during their period, using products that are discreet and washable. In many parts of the world, and even in some places in the U.S., there is no trash collection as we know it, so disposable products are not an option – even if they were available.

Days for Girls has done a lot of research on exactly what should be in each kit, and we follow their instructions carefully. There are lots of different steps and tasks such as



tracing patterns, cutting, assembling parts, sewing, serging, pressing, and installing snaps on the shields, so everyone who wants to be involved can help with some part of it.

Some of us brought supplies with us, some were donated by First Lutheran of Havre, Montana, and Kathy Thiel obtained a



Thrivent Action Team grant to purchase the rest. Our current goal is to make 40 kits, and to send them to the Lutheran Church of Haiti. Don and Vickie Harris's home church, Emmanuel Lutheran of Venice, Florida, sponsors two congregations in Haiti. The need for all kinds of assistance is great, but keeping girls in school by providing these kits is one important component of helping to ensure their futures.

## **Metigowshe Garden Volunteer**

One of the opportunities the Mission Builder spouses have at Metigoshe Ministries is working in the Metigowshe Garden. Metigowshe Garden is a quarter acre vegetable garden and fruit orchard located at Camp Metigoshe at Pelican Lake.

During the camp season, the garden provides a learning experience for each camper and camp group. During these sessions camp staff connects the summer theme with the garden with a Bible Study activity, discusses with campers where our food comes from, the life cycle of plants and animals and our interdependence, nutritious vs. non-healthy foods, and care for the earth. With every session, campers dig in the dirt and assist with whatever garden tasks need to be completed on that day. Tasks range from planting, weeding, compost care, trellis guiding, and soil mixing to harvesting. Every group harvests at least one type of vegetable. The vegetables are then prepared for the camp community at mealtime. Mission Builders spouses help maintain the garden by weeding and helping to harvest some of the produce. What a great learning experience for the campers, and we are happy to be a part of it!

**Sue Ost Havre, MT**

## **Hello from “Metigoshe Washegum” or Metigoshe Ministries!**

Metigoshe Washegum is the Chippewa words meaning “clear lake surrounded by many oaks”. It describes our location very nicely for Metigoshe Lakeside Christian Center sits in the Turtle Mountains of north central North Dakota (10 miles north of Bottineau, 5 miles from Canada or 14 miles west of the International Peace Gardens) on Lake Metigoshe.

Metigoshe’s Mission Statement reads “Metigoshe Ministries is Adventure Anchored in Christ where people experience and celebrate the gifts of God in a life together”. This can also apply to the ELCA Mission Builders for we come from many areas, many experiences, and with many gifts. This “crew” has arrived from Texas, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Wisconsin and four fulltime RVers who claim Texas, Florida and South Dakota as their legal residences. Part of the crew are returning for the second and third time for Mission Builders were here prior working on Anna Manor, Gary’s Place and replacement of six cabins at Camp Metigoshe.

This year our biggest project yet is the addition on the Christian Center of six theme rooms, office space, sauna, chapel, welcome center and conference rooms.

Our experience with Mission Builders has been nothing but “superior”! This is our fourth build and each one is special and very enjoyable. Each “crew” becomes not a group of volunteers but a “family” for we work together, play together, laugh together, cry together, encourage each other. Just ask any member of our “family” what happens when the “camera lady” comes around and you will get a lot of different reactions! Like any “family” we enjoy doing things together. We have a group that loves to fish and with access to three pontoons on three different lakes we are well supplied with fish for almost weekly fish fry cookouts. Yum, Yum! If a cookout isn’t on the weekly agenda, we find a different area

restaurant to explore, July 4<sup>th</sup> we had a smoked ribs cookout and recently had a Fleishkuekle cookout. (Fleishkuekle is a German dish of hamburger inside bread dough which is then deep fried.) Also one night each week a member of Metigoshe Lutheran Church has invited us

for a meal which we really enjoy for we get to meet new friends. Nothing like food to keep a “family” happy! We enjoy being close to the International Peace Gardens which some of us have explored and taken in a few of their free concerts such as the Canadian Royal Air Force Band, Big Band Jazz Concert, etc.

The highlight of our week is Sunday morning worship. They are all so lively with Pastor Jon and Camp Metigoshe staff leading the music/ liturgy and Pastor Cole’s sermons are so uplifting. We are going to really miss it when we leave for our next destinations. Also we enjoy the bell chimes and hymns which happen every hour of each day starting at 8:00 am with “Morning Has Broken” and ending at 10:00 pm with “No One Is an Island” (Metigoshe’s theme hymn). Each hour it is peaceful to stop and listen to the different hymns.

As of the writing of this article, the build is about one-third done and we are waiting for the remaining concrete slab to be placed.



It is fun to walk through the “build” and read the remarks that the members wrote on “Stud Signing Sunday” and you can surely see God’s hands at work through ours’ and the volunteers’ hands. Some of the “crew” will start leaving as they have other commitments and others will remain until the “build” is done or snow arrives whichever comes first as our RVers (even though we are parked close together in our parking lot campground) are not made to withstand the cold and the snow!

This is our second year at Metigoshe and when we returned, it felt like coming home thanks to the warm welcome we received from the people of Metigoshe. As fulltime RVers, we have no set schedule and we say that “God is driving our Ford” and He is in charge of our destinations and we will definitely stop here anytime we find ourselves in the area.

God be with everyone wherever you may roam in doing God’s work!

**Caryl and Gene Ziegenhagen Sioux Falls,SD**

### **In unity there is diversity and in diversity there is unity.**

No truer words describe the Mission Builder Team at the Metigoshe Christian Center build. The diversity and uniqueness of gifts of the first time Mission Builders and the Old Guard, no pun intended, has allowed us to face and conquer many challenges. I am sure more opportunities and challenges await us as we start into the second phase of the build.

The team members started arriving by mid-May and were warmly greeted by the Metigoshe community. We set up the RVs at the Metigoshe Pelican Lake campground while the final details for the campground at the job site were completed. We started building walls onsite in a heated garage shop. These Mission Builders are spoiled! We built, sheathed and stacked walls while the under slab was being completed. The first walls were raised June 18<sup>th</sup>. The bedroom section of the retreat center has been roofed and shingled and ready for the plumbers, electrical and mechanical. The first phase is ready for siding.

The team will be raising walls (already built) and setting trusses for the next phase which includes meeting rooms, offices and a chapel. The spouses are working on a service project: sewing and assembling Days for Girls kits and supporting the Metigoshe Garden.

Volunteer support from the community and supporting churches has provided, and continues to provide, building support, but more importantly, community building and new friendships. Congre-



gation members have provided wonderful weekly dinners and evenings of great fellowship. The fishermen and women have provided great catches for numerous fish fries.

Metigoshe Ministries and the Turtle Mountains are unique places. We are thankful for the opportunity to work with a great Mission Builder team, Metigoshe Ministries and community. **Rejoice, Bob & Chris Risberg Little Elm, TX**

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



## **Christo Rey– W. Columbia, SC (previous pictorial )**

**A 5,000 sq ft. first structure for a Hispanic mission congregation. Anticipated start date November 4, anticipated build time 3-4 months. Time off for Thanksgiving and Christmas planned. Site work started today, the congregation say they will have a slab ready in October. Call Bill Graves to confirm a spot 317-966-1357. Howard McCartha will manage, Don Rantala will be foreman, 4 more builders needed. Drop in's welcome.**

## **Rejoice Fellowship– Glenn Burnie, MD**

Remodel of 3500 sq ft, addition of 3500 sq ft. Start date early April 2020

Other potential projects MB's are planning with are in Oregon and Michigan

Call Bill Graves for more info and to claim a spot.

## **Prayers and Concerns...**

**Arnie Fichtenberg recovery from surgery, Chris Risberg with health challenges**

**Passing of ... Lillian Simenson**

**Gifts received in memory of: Bob Hesterberg– Alan & Juanita Buckel**

**Gifts to Mission Builders- Janet Rhodes– Burlington, ND, St Matthews – Palmyra, WI, Servants of Christ Indianapolis, IN., 1st Lutheran– Havre, MT, Neal & Dorene Weltzin trust, Bill and Sonja Speer**

Donations to Mission Builders can be made through the **Thrivent Choice Program**. In addition **Action Team Grant** requests can be made through your local advisor to help purchase supplies, tools, or to finance trips to far away locations.

There are several hundred people who receive our newsletter. Many of you are not able to do the physical labor, others still have full time jobs, and many are still considering MB's. Consider visiting one of our future projects and volunteering for a day. We will give you a bright orange t-shirt!