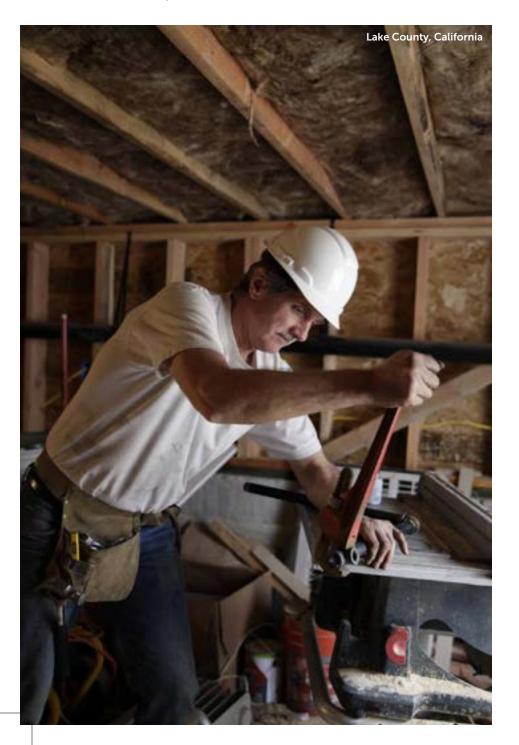


**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** 

is a volunteer network of Anabaptist churches that responds in Christian love to those affected by disasters in Canada and the United States. While the main focus is on clean up, repair and rebuilding homes, this service touches lives and nurtures hope, faith and wholeness.

Our programs, funded by contributions, aim to assist the most vulnerable community members, individuals and families who, without assistance, would not have the means to recover. MDS volunteers — women and men, youth and adults — provide the skills and labor needed to respond, rebuild and restore.

On the cover: Youth volunteers participate in an MDS summer youth project at the former Bethany College in Hepburn, Saskatchewan. For more about their work and youth programs, see page 15.







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# **2017** AT A GLANCE

#### 5,034 VOLUNTEERS

#### 832 HOMEOWNERS SERVED

- 497 Clean ups
- 252 Home repairs
- 66 New homes
- 17 New bridges

In numbers, 5,034 volunteers served 32,091 days with hard work and compassion, a value of more than \$6.2 million USD.\* These include some, but not all volunteers who served in their local unit assisting disaster survivors in their own communities.

\* Based on a volunteer rate of \$24.14/hour — www.independentsector.org



#### **Entrusted with talents**

Throughout 2017 we have been privileged to experience an outpouring of gifts and resources that have both humbled and encouraged us in our work to bring hope to disaster survivors.

Our theme for the 2018 All-Unit Meeting in Winkler, Manitoba in February is based on Matthew 25: 14-29 and the parable of our Lord entrusting us with "talents" and the ability to increase those talents to bring glory to God.

By talent I don't mean whether we can sing or play the piano or light up the stage; these are wonderful gifts as well. Instead, the parable points us to the deeper meaning of the gifts, skills and abilities we bring to the task of expressing God's love and building the kingdom.

While the parable focuses on talents as money, the two servants invest wisely, while the third falls short and is cast out. Money, skills, abilities are all "talents" we have in varying degrees, some more than others.

When I look at the work of Mennonite Disaster Service I see volunteers and donors, all with different levels of "talents" yet the same willingness to serve in responding to disasters, rebuilding homes for disaster survivors and restoring hope and community.

At the height of Hurricane Harvey a donor from Long Island, New York called to send a gift to MDS. She apologized for only being able to give \$100 as she was retired and in a wheel chair. When she was told that \$100 would provide enough for three volunteers for one day to help in cleanup and rebuilding, she nearly wept, knowing that her "small" gift could multiply. I can hear our Lord saying, "well, done my good and faithful servant."

Or I think of Lillian Guenter from Edmonton, Alberta, who at 83 years old went to Fort Myers, Florida, in November 2017 and volunteered a week of her time to assist families who survived Hurricane Irma. I can hear our Lord saying, "well done my good and faithful servant."

Each of us has been provided by our Lord with varying degrees of resources, skills and abilities ... talents. Whether you are a student, skilled contractor, retired person, or disabled, God has provided you with gifts that when shared can multiply and bring the love of Christ to those who suffer from disasters.

We thank our thousands of volunteers and donors who have chosen to reflect the love of Christ by bringing hope and service.  $\blacksquare$ 

Keni King

Kevin King, Executive Director

## 2017

### Rising to the call

For Mennonite Disaster Service, 2017 was already a busy year with 19 disaster response projects going. When Hurricane Harvey struck the coastal bend of east Texas on August 25, and then stalled over Houston, dropping nearly 50 inches of rain, the storm ended a 12-year period where no major hurricanes had struck the U.S.

The Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico stirred up 10 hurricanes in a row with Hurricane Irma being the strongest and longest-lasting hurricane on record. Irma cut a swath through the Caribbean just as Hurricane Harvey began to weaken.

Then, a few weeks later Hurricane Maria marched over some of the damage left by Irma in the Caribbean, but worse, on September 20 it set its eye and a direct hit on the U.S. island of Puerto Rico. The entire island, already crippled by Hurricane Irma, was left without electricity and shortages of water and food in the immediate aftermath. By the end of 2017 nearly 30 percent of the island still remained without electricity and few houses had been rebuilt.

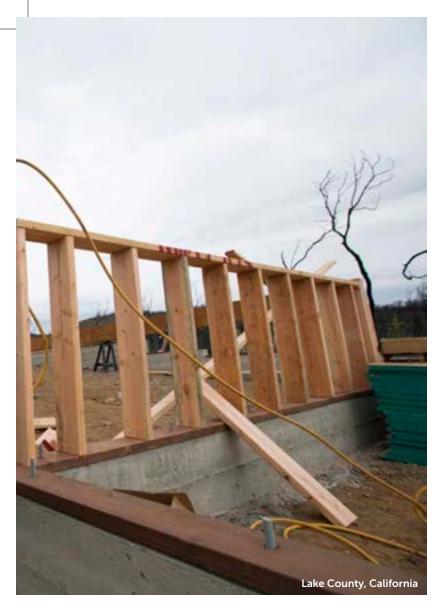
Thanks to hundreds of volunteers and unprecedented amounts of donations, MDS has been able to organize responses in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico while still maintaining disaster response projects in California, Kansas, Texas, Louisiana, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Dakota and Alberta.

Although challenging at times, Galatians 6:9 (NIV) offers strength to MDS, its board, staff, volunteers and donors as 2017 came to an end. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

The harvest will come as 2018 unfolds and people affected by disasters cross the threshold into new and repaired homes built by the "hands and feet of Jesus" through dedicated MDS volunteers. ■







"We can with God's help take somebody who has been in the ashes and give them beauty back."

VALERIE COX, MDS PARTNER LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA





#### LAKE & CALAVERAS COUNTIES, CALIF.

#### WHAT HAPPENED

Wildfires in northern California in September and October 2015 impacted the lives of more than 80,000 people. The fast-moving Butte Fire in Calaveras County burned more than 70,000 acres around the historic town of San Andreas. And the Valley Fire in Lake County was the third-worst in state history based on total structures burned.

Homes destroyed in Calaveras County 475 Homes destroyed in Lake County 1,280

#### **MDS RESPONSE**

MDS Region 4, MDS California Unit and MDS Binational worked together to formulate a response to both fires based on what the local community needed and wanted. The result was construction of five new homes in Calaveras County and four new homes, with a fifth one still under construction by the end of 2017, in Lake County.

New homes completed
Number of volunteers

9 426+

#### STORM AID VOLUNTEERS

Hundreds of young Amish from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, came week after week from September 2016 through May 2017 completing construction of some 30 homes in Hope Village, near the town of White Sulphur Springs in West Virginia. They worked in the rain and snow and in the shadow of the ancient Appalachian Mountains from fall to winter to spring. At the home dedication, keys and Bibles were handed to homeowners who could finally come home after the 2016 flash floods.

#### SAIPAN, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

#### WHAT HAPPENED

The largest island of the Northern Mariana Islands, a commonwealth of the United States, Saipan is situated 120 miles north of Guam. On August 2, 2015, Typhoon Soudelor, the most powerful Pacific typhoon of the year, crossed directly over Saipan with sustained winds of 135 miles per hour.

Homes damaged or destroyed 800 Estimated cost of storm damage \$21 million

#### **MDS RESPONSE**

MDS volunteers began arriving in September 2016, and remained in Saipan throughout 2017, repairing and rebuilding homes. Each volunteer commits to a minimum 3-week term of service. The project ends in April 2018. Since the start in 2016:

New homes completed14Houses repaired32Number of volunteers264

#### LOCAL UNIT VOLUNTEERS

Often MDS volunteers travel long distances and commit a full week or more to repairing and rebuilding homes. For some, travel is not possible. Local MDS units offer a way for people to volunteer for a day or two closer to home responding to local disasters. Volunteers came when the Kansas Unit organized a response to wild fires that burned thousands of acres of farmland and tornados that ripped through homes leaving only slabs of cement behind. In Ontario, the local unit organized several months of cleanup and repair work after the Constance Bay flooding. Local MDS units are the backbone of MDS work, providing access to volunteers and funding for

long-term projects while also being a witness in their own community.









#### **RV VOLUNTEERS**

After a lifetime of work raising a family, farming, running a business or teaching in school, many retirees are ready to head south for the winter and relax, maybe play some golf. Not the MDS RV retirees. Yes, they are ready to drive south in their recreational vehicle, but the MDS RV program offers the opportunity to do something meaningful — spending four days each week repairing homes damaged by a disaster.





#### FORT MCMURRAY, ALBERTA

#### PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

#### WHAT HAPPENED

#### On May 1, 2016, a two hectare (five acre) fire was spotted by an airborne forestry crew 15 kilometres (9 miles) southwest of Fort McMurray, Alberta. Within two hours the fire covered nearly 60 hectares (148 acres) and spread rapidly due to strong winds. It forced 80,000 residents to evacuate the city and became the costliest fire in Canadian history.

**Estimated cost of damage** \$3.58 billion Structures destroyed 2,400 Forest destroyed 600,000 hectares (1.48 million acres)

#### WHAT HAPPENED

Straight line winds, tornadoes, hailstorms, and floods severely damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes during May and June 2015, and again in September 2016. This loss of housing compounded an already existing shortage of good housing for residents of the Pine Ridge reservation which is home to the Oglala Lakota peoples. Pine Ridge sits in one of the poorest regions of the U.S. and has 85 percent unemployment.

Homes destroyed 465 Homes damaged 1,779 Estimated cost of storm damage \$60 million

#### **MDS RESPONSE**

In late spring 2017, MDS volunteers began building basements in Fort McMurray. Meanwhile in Hague, Saskatchewan, MDS volunteers — including college students who were part of the MDS Bursary Program — constructed three houses on the back lot of Zak's Building Group. By July 26 the houses were transported from Hague to Fort McMurray and placed on their foundations. The three families were in their homes by the fall of 2017.

New homes completed 3 **Number of volunteers** 106

#### **MDS RESPONSE**

Working with the Pine Ridge Long Term Recovery Committee, MDS built four new homes in the spring and summer of 2017 and plans five more in 2018. Funding came from the longterm recovery committee and the United Methodist Church. The project hosted the MDS Summer Youth Program in July.

New homes completed	4
Storm shelters built	15
Number of volunteers	228
Number of Summer Youth Program volunteers	130









"MDS is the light at the end of the tunnel. I am really thankful that they came."

MARETTA CHAMPAGNE, OGLALA LAKOTA MEMBER PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA

















"While being with MDS, I am more conscious about how I represent God."

BEN SMITH, MDS VOLUNTEER HAGUE, SASKATCHEWAN





### 2017 MDS Binational and Regional Projects







	REASON V	OLUNTEERS	DAYS WORKED	CLEAN UPS	HOME REPAIRS	NEW BUILDS
ALBERTA						
Fort McMurray	wildfire (May 2016)	31	411	_	7	_
CALIFORNIA						
Lake County	wildfire (September 2015)	245	1,793	_	2	2
Calaveras County	wildfire (September 2015)	228	1,514	_	_	1
FLORIDA						
Citrus County (RV)	hurricane (August 2016)	12	388	_	5	_
Fort Myers (ERT)	hurricane (September 2017)	94	399	130	5	_
KANSAS						
Ashland (U)	wildfire (March 2017)	150	312	28	_	_
Eureka (U)	tornado (July 2016)	227	355	_	3	1
LOUISIANA						
Lafayette	flood (August 2016)	345	2,514	2	59	_
MICHIGAN						
Detroit (SYP)	flood (August 2014)	99	907	5	5	_
MISSISSIPPI						
Cleveland	flood (March 2016)	89	420	_	20	_
Hattiesburg (SA)	tornado (January 2017)	252	1,249	_	1	1
NEW BRUNSWICK						
Camp Wildwood (FP)	construction + ministry	30	60	_	3	1
NORTH CAROLINA						
Princeville (U)	hurricane (October 2016)	341	1,654	_	15	_
NORTHERN MARIANA ISL	ANDS					
Saipan (R)	typhoon (August 2015)	218	3,760	_	12	13
ONTARIO						
	indsor (U) flooding (May 2017)	130	153	47	15	_
PUERTO RICO						
V	les conferences	27	100	4	4	
Various locations	hurricane	23	108	4	1	_
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#### **MDS LOCAL UNITS**

#### **REGION 5**

MDS Alberta Unit

MDS Atlantic Canada Unit

MDS British Columbia Unit

MDS Manitoba Unit

MDS Ontario Unit

MDS Saskatchewan Unit

#### **REGION 4**

MDS Arizona Unit

MDS California Unit

MDS Idaho Unit

MDS Oregon Unit

MDS Washington Unit

#### **REGION 3**

MDS Arkansas Unit

MDS Colorado Unit

MDS Iowa Unit

MDS Kansas Unit

MDS Minnesota Unit

MDS Missouri Unit

MDS Montana Western Unit

MDS Nebraska Unit

MDS New Mexico Unit

MDS Oklahoma Unit

MDS South Dakota Unit MDS Texas North/East Unit

MDS Texas West Unit

#### **REGION 2**

MDS Alabama & Northwest Florida Unit

MDS Eastern Ohio-NW Penn. Unit

MDS Illinois Unit

MDS Indiana & Lower Michigan Unit

MDS Michigan Unit

MDS Mississippi/Louisiana Unit

MDS Wisconsin Unit

MDS Western Ohio Unit

#### **REGION 1**

MDS Delmarva Peninsula Unit

MDS Finger Lakes Unit

MDS Florida Central & South Unit

MDS New York Unit

MDS North Carolina Unit

MDS Pennsylvania Casselman Valley Unit

MDS Pennsylvania Cumberland Valley Unit

MDS Pennsylvania East & New Jersey Unit

MDS Pennsylvania Juniata Unit

MDS Pennsylvania Lancaster Area Unit

MDS Pennsylvania Northern Unit

MDS Pennsylvania West & Maryland Unit

MDS Puerto Rico Unit

MDS Virginia Eastern Unit

MDS Virginia Shenandoah Valley Unit

#### 2017 **REGION + UNIT ACTIVITY**



MDS regions and units are at the core of MDS work, providing thousands of volunteers and in some cases conducting MDS projects in their local area. Following are some highlights from the regions and units for the past year.

#### **REGION 5 — CANADA**

#### ALBERTA + SASKATCHEWAN /////////

Three homes were constructed in Hague, Sask., in June and July, then transported by truck to Fort McMurray, Alberta, placed on their foundations and readied for homeowners to move into late August. Earlier in the spring, crews had constructed the foundations. In May 2016 wildfires raged through Fort McMurray.

#### 

Wildfires in 2017 postponed plans for the British Columbia Unit to rebuild following fires in the summer of 2016. In October the unit completed the promised work.

#### 

The Manitoba Unit did muck-out and repair work in Cartwright. The Unit also organized the MDS All Unit Meeting in Winkler scheduled for February 9-10, 2018.

#### 

The MDS Canada Family Project was held for three weeks in July at Camp Wildwood near Moncton.

#### 

Ontario Unit worked in Constance Bay, Minden and Windsor doing clean up and repair of homes damaged by flooding. By the end of the year teams had begun two rebuilds in Constance Bay.

#### 

The MDS Canada summer youth project was held in August at the campus of the former Bethel College in Hepburn.

#### REGION 4 — U.S. WEST COAST

#### 

The Saipan project was ongoing throughout 2017. During the fall, the management of the project moved to a shared arrangement between Region 4 and the MDS Binational Office.

#### 

Volunteer crews continued to work on homes in Calaveras County and Lake County through late April and then resumed in Lake County in the fall.

#### 

The California Unit and Region 4 are planning to build 2-3 homes at Lake Isabella in Kern County after fires there. Efforts began in late 2017 and will continue in 2018.

#### REGION 3 — U.S. MIDWEST

#### 

Region 3 leadership participated in the early response investigation team for Hurricane Harvey. The Missouri Unit sent early response crews to Bloomington for cleanup. The Texas West Unit sent crews to Aransas Pass for cleanup work and replacing the damaged roof on the Prince of Peace Mennonite Church in Corpus Christi.



#### 

The Arkansas Search and Rescue Team participated in first responder rescues in Beaumont and Houston during Hurricane Harvey.

#### 

In addition to the spring project of building 11 tiny homes for the homeless in Denver, the Colorado Unit repaired and painted a home for a disabled man in Arvada. The unit also assisted at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp cleaning up fallen trees.

#### 

The Kansas Unit finished repairs on homes damaged by a tornado in Eureka and built a new home there. They also completed fence repairs after wildfires in Ashland.

#### 

Representatives of the Missouri Unit attended an event in Jefferson City to educate government officials about how voluntary organizations work together in disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

#### 

An MDS tool trailer was delivered to



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Kalispell and dedicated August 15. The trailer and tools were received as part of a grant from a foundation supporting Region 3 units.

#### REGION 2 - U.S. CENTRAL

#### 

The Mississippi Unit and Region 2 organized volunteers from mid-January through February to repair 21 homes in Bolivar County after flood damage from 2016. In Hattiesburg, Early Response Teams helped with clean up and demolition of damaged homes in response to a January tornado. Pennsylvania Amish Storm Aid volunteers began work to rebuild homes in Hattiesburg in October.

#### 

After three years in Detroit mucking out and repairing basements the MDS project was closed in January. However, a summer youth project involving some 60 youth and adults was active during June and July.

#### 

Units from both states participated in a Partnership Home Project in Clendenin, West Virginia.

#### REGION 1 — U.S. EAST COAST

#### 

Early response teams arrived in Florida shortly after Hurricane Irma hit and did clean up work from mid-to-late September.

#### 

The home of unit leader Eileen Rolon was damaged during Hurricane Maria. Volunteers from Region 1 were some of the first MDS volunteers to the

island and helped repair the roof in early November.

#### 

Volunteers continued working in Princeville repairing homes after flood damage from Hurricane Matthew. The MDS 2017 AUM was held in Ashville in February.

#### 

Volunteers from the Shenandoah Valley Unit continued to lead the longterm response to the Greenbrier area where flooding damage and destroyed homes.

#### **DISASTER STUDIES**

#### 

Five Disaster Management Program (DMP) students served together in the summer in Greenbrier, West Virginia, for three weeks. Three students then went to Detroit to work with the Summer Youth Program and two went to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, for the remaining five weeks of their summer MDS experience.

#### MDS SERVICE BURSARY PROGRAM //////

Nine students from Canadian Mennonite University and Columbia Bible College benefitted from the MDS Service Bursary Program (Canada only) called Sheep and Goats. They served for eight weeks at various MDS projects including Hague, Sask., Pine Ridge, S.D., Detroit, Mich., Fort McMurray, Alta., Greenbrier, W.V., the Family Project in New Brunswick and the Summer Youth Project at Hepburn, Sask.

### How did MDS use my donation?

#### **2017 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**

	CAN (CAD c		UNITED STATES (US dollars)		
	2017	2016	2017	2016	
Beginning Net Assets	\$2,327,000	\$1,723,000	\$10,776,000	\$10,386,000	
REVENUE Contributions and Grants Other Revenue	<b>1,833,000</b> 1,768,000 65,000	<b>1,466,000</b> 1,429,000 37,000	<b>14,316,000</b> 13,724,000 592,000	<b>5,320,000</b> 5,078,000 242,000	
EXPENDITURES Program/Project Supporting Activities Fundraising	<b>1,529,000</b> 1,236,000 266,000 27,000	<b>862,000</b> 589,000 262,000 11,000	<b>5,939,000</b> 4,609,000 1,085,000 245,000	<b>4,930,000</b> 3,788,000 968,000 174,000	
Ending Net Assets	\$2,631,000	\$2,327,000	\$19,153,000	\$10,776,000	
Program/Project % Support %	80.8% 19.2%	68.3% 31.7%	77.6% 22.4%	76.8% 23.2%	

#### **2017 CANADA EXPENDITURES**

Program and supporting activities (CAD dollars)

Volunteer Support	\$204,000	13%	
Project: Vehicles and Equipment	\$84,000	5%	_
Project: Set Up and Occupancy	\$70,000	5%	_
Client Material Funds	\$633,000	41%	
Program: Staffing, Training, Dev.	\$245,000	16%	
Supporting Activities	\$266,000	17%	
Fundraising	\$27,000	2%	-

\$1,529,000

#### **2016 UNITED STATES EXPENDITURES**

Program and supporting activities (US dollars)

Volunteer Support	\$776,000	13%
Project: Vehicles and Equipment	\$946,000	16%
Project: Set Up and Occupancy	\$460,000	8%
Client Material Funds	\$1,301,000	22%
Program: Staffing, Training, Dev.	\$1,126,000	19%
Supporting Activities	\$1,085,000	18%
Fundraising	\$245,000	4%

\$5,939,000

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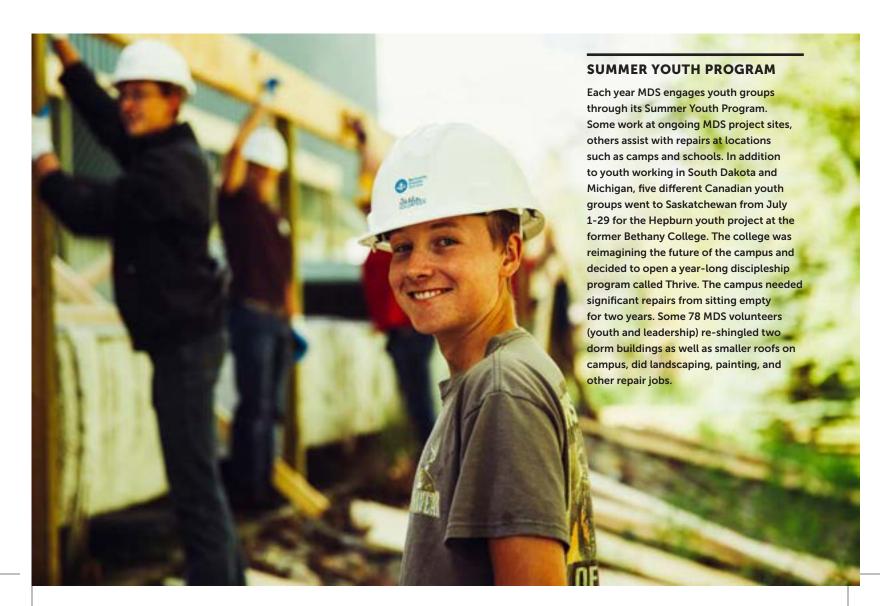
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