

FAITHFUL Hands OPEN Hearts

Our vision is for every Anabaptist congregation and MDS Unit and Region to respond fully to those affected by disaster.



MISSION STATEMENT

Mennonite Disaster Service 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.



MDS Annual Report 2012

2012 AT A GLANCE

Volunteers	3,492
Long-term	244
Short-term	2,946
Summer Youth	218
RV	84

22,638 **2012**
volunteer days **MDS**
were served by MDSers **PROJECTS**
in 2012

SUPPORTING MDS IN 2012

Canada

Donations	\$710,521
Donors	1,159
No. of Donations	1,692
Average Donation	\$420

US

Donations	\$2,999,740
Donors	4,468
No. of Donations	7,231
Average Donation	\$415

DISASTER STUDY PROGRAMS

2012 Graduates	8
Hesston College current enrollment	13

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE CORE VALUES

Faith – As members of Anabaptist churches, we believe in and practice a life of service and proclamation founded on the Bible and modeled after the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Service – We welcome all who are in our churches and others who share our values to join Christian service opportunities through volunteering, praying and giving.

Compassion – We practice servant leadership, compassion and cultural sensitivity with fellow volunteers, constituents and those we serve.

Relationships – We engage all people, partners and organizations with mutual respect, humility and accountability.

Integrity – We work in an ethical, honest, moral and legal manner.

Sustainability – As God's stewards, we strive to incorporate quality materials and workmanship, and environmental awareness in providing safe, affordable and sustainable housing.

History – We are guided by our MDS history of responding to disasters through grassroots volunteerism, binational mandate and mutual aid. (based on Board of Delegates review Oct. 25, 2010, Core Team review Nov. 1, 2010, staff review and Core Team review Dec. 2010)



PROJECT LOCATION	DISASTER/REASON	VOLUNTEERS	CLEAN UPS	MINOR REPAIRS	MAJOR REPAIRS	HOUSES REBUILT*	CLIENTS SERVED
Alabama							
Birmingham	Tornados (2011)	714	19	32	5	2	58
Cordova RV	Tornados (2011)	70	0	8	5	1	14
Phil Campbell (Storm Aid)	Tornados (2011)	301	0	2	0	14	16
Kentucky							
West Liberty	Tornados (2012)	174	32	2	0	0	34
Louisiana							
Cameron	Hurricane Rita (2005), Ike (2008)	135	0	1	0	2	3
New Iberia RV	Hurricane Rita (2005), Ike (2008)	16	0	1	1	0	2
New Orleans	Hurricane Katrina (2005)	237	1	12	3	1	17
Mississippi							
Chickasaw	Tornados (2011)	176	0	16	1	2	19
Columbus	Warehouse	22	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri							
Joplin	Tornados (2011)	557	0	0	17	7	24
North Dakota							
Minot	Floods (2011)	519	7	19	8	0	34
Texas							
Bastrop	Fires (2010)	353	43	9	0	4	56
Summer Youth							
Minot, ND		95					
Hamilton, ON		58					
Divide, CO		65					
Totals		3,492	102	102	40	33	277

Summer Youth Projects

All projects were open 4 weeks

Hamilton, ON Project:
Supported the Welcome Inn in their summer programming, built a storage shed and worked on repairs at the facility:
58 volunteers

Minot, ND Project:
Helped to repair homes that were damaged by the 2011 Souris River Flood:
95 volunteers

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp Project:
Worked with camp administration on fire mitigation projects and other camp repair projects:
65 volunteers



Partnership Home Program Houses completed in 2012:

SPONSORING GROUP

Weaverland Mennonite Church and Garden Spot Village Retirement Center..... Cordova, AL
Kaufman Mennonite Church and St. David's Lutheran Church..... Bastrop, TX
Arizona MDS Unit..... Eager, AZ
Hartville, OH, churches..... Christian Valley Baptist Church, Boligee, AL
British Columbia MDS Unit..... Minot, ND

HOMEOWNER LOCATION



Local MDS Responses 2012
a sampling of regional and local MDS activity

REGION I

→ Clean up and repair from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee (2011) continued in NY and Central PA. New homes were built in Bloomsburg and Pine Grove, PA. → Early Response Teams (ERT) cleaned up after Derecho (straight-line) wind storms which caused heavy damage in Charleston and Lewisburg, WV. → The Shenandoah Valley Unit of VA rebuilt five homes in Pulaski, VA, after a tornado. → Early Response Teams responded in Louisiana to Hurricane Isaac. MDS Storm Aid volunteers worked throughout the fall on clean up in the Braithwaite, LA, area. → Many volunteers worked to clean up after Hurricane Sandy in Maryland, West Virginia, Rhode Island and New York. The clean up and repair work continues.

REGION II

→ Local units responded to tornados in Center Point, AL, Harrisburg and Ridgeway, IL, Maryville and Nabb, IN, Ezel, Crocket and West Liberty, KY. → A new home was built in Harrisburg, IL, after it was destroyed by a tornado. → The WI Unit cleaned up after floods. → The MS Unit built a new home in New Oxford, MS, after a tornado. → The Eastern OH/ Western PA Unit launched a Hay Drive to assist farmers in areas affected by drought.

REGION III

→ The OK Unit built new homes in Tushka, OK, after a tornado. → The KS Unit rebuilt homes in Reading, KS, that were destroyed by a tornado. → The NM Unit responded to wildfires in Riudoso, NM, clearing charred trees. → Local units responded to tornados in Harveyville and Moundridge, KS, Branson and Buffalo, MO, Spring Hedrick, Creston and Thurman, IA. → The OK Unit responded to multiple tornados and damage from hailstorms in Grandfield, OK. → The MT Unit replaced pasture fence destroyed by wildfires on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Ashland and Busby, MT.

REGION IV

→ The CA Unit finished repair work at Kings View Work Experience Center, in March. → A Partnership Home house, sponsored by the AZ MDS Unit, was completed in Eager, AZ. → The WA Unit cleaned up a flooded property in Lind, WA.

REGION V

→ Volunteers from the MB and ON Units worked in Thunder Bay, ON, after floods. → The BC Unit cleaned up trees and rebuilt cabins at Pines Bible Camp after a severe storm and built a PHP home in Minot, ND. → Volunteers responded to floods in Perth-Andover, NB. → The AB Unit rebuilt a horse barn that was destroyed by fire. → The QC Unit organized a four-day youth project, renovating at the House of Friendship in Montreal. → The Hay East 2012 campaign was launched by the SK and ON Units. Hay East distributed donated hay to farmers affected by drought. → The ON Unit provided labor for a barn raising event.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MDS' beginnings go back to a Sunday School picnic discussion in Hesston, KS, in July 1950.

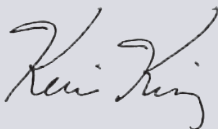
Sixty-two years later, MDS continues to respond throughout Canada and the US. This year we continued to see disasters of extreme magnitude, including two of the three most expensive natural disasters in US history.* Both had to do with water; too little and too much. The drought has affected 60-65 percent of the continental US and parts of Ontario, Canada. MDS launched hay drives to respond to the needs of the farming community. Hurricane Sandy was like the exclamation point at the end of an arduous year. Estimates of the cost of this superstorm are still being calculated. On the western edge of the storm volunteers shoveled snow and cleared downed trees. On the storm's eastern edge volunteers cleaned up trees in Rhode Island and mucked out flooded homes in New York.

In the midst of these new disasters and new needs, unfinished work remains from storms in 2011 and earlier this year. MDS continues to rebuild in communities in Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Dakota, Texas, and Missouri.

A milestone this year was the closing of our last project in the Gulf Coast after responding to Hurricane Katrina since 2005. This was the longest continuous recovery effort in MDS' history.

This year 3,492 volunteers served at 15 binational projects, totaling 22,638 days – a value of \$3,946,256 (based on a modest volunteer rate of \$21.79/hour**). Additional volunteers served in many Unit and Regional responses.

In a culture where self-interest and self-absorption is high I believe service to others is a powerful antidote. Through service, new relationships are built and hope is restored. I pray that we may continue to minister as the hands and feet of Jesus; responding, rebuilding, and restoring.



Kevin King
Executive Director

*source: <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2012/1207/Stubborn-US-drought-could-be-costlier-than-hurricane-Sandy>

**The estimated US national value of volunteer time for 2011 is \$21.79 per hour from www.independentsector.org

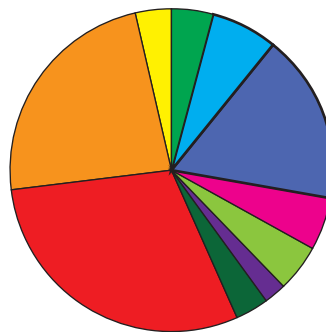
How did MDS use my donation?

2012 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

YEAR	CANADA (CDN Dollars)		UNITED STATES (US Dollars)	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Beginning Net Assets	864,000	877,000	7,951,000	7,210,000
REVENUE	827,000	833,000	3,498,000	3,606,000
Contributions and Grants	780,000	769,000	3,429,000	3,250,000
Capital Campaign	18,000	38,000	3,000	287,000
Other Revenue	29,000	26,000	66,000	69,000
EXPENDITURES	639,000	846,000	2,583,000	2,865,000
Program/Project	413,000	592,000	1,891,000	2,102,000
Supporting Activities	204,000	243,000	600,000	669,000
Fundraising	22,000	11,000	92,000	94,000
Ending Net Assets	\$1,052,000	\$864,000	\$8,866,000	\$7,951,000
Program Project %	64.6%	70.0%	73.2%	73.4%
Overhead %	35.4%	30.0%	26.8%	26.6%

2012 UNITED STATES EXPENDITURES

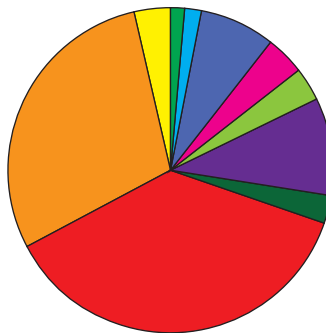
Program and supporting activities (US Dollars).....**2,583,000**



Program leadership.....	114,000
Gulf Coast Hurricanes '05 & '08.....	170,000
Spring Storms '11.....	438,000
North Dakota flooding '11.....	135,000
Texas Wildfires '11.....	122,000
Other Binational projects.....	56,000
Partnership Home.....	90,000
General Project Expenses.....	766,000
Supporting Activities.....	600,000
Fundraising.....	92,000

2012 CANADA EXPENDITURES

Program and supporting activities (CDN Dollars).....**639,000**



Program Leadership.....	10,000
Gulf Coast Hurricanes '05 & '08.....	10,000
Spring Storms '11.....	48,000
Ontario Hay.....	26,000
Other Region V & Region V Unit Projects..	21,000
Other Binational Projects.....	61,000
Capital Campaign Forward.....	18,000
General Project Expenses.....	237,000
Supporting Activities.....	186,000
Fundraising.....	22,000



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