

Song of Songs 8:7 "Many waters cannot quench love."

Love Awakens *hope*



MDS Annual Report 2014

26,361 volunteer days were served by MDSers in 2014



2014 AT A GLANCE

Volunteers	3,636
Long-term	376
Short-term	2874
Summer Youth	261
RV	125

DISASTER STUDIES PROGRAM

2014 Graduates	5
Hesston College current enrollment	18

SUPPORTING MDS IN 2014

Canada	
Donations	\$868,200
Donors	1,576
No. of Donations	2,077
Average Donation	\$418

US	
Donations	\$2,866,000
Donors	4,509
No. of Donations	6,578
Average Donation	\$436



Mission and Purpose

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.

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 – men and women, youth and adults – provide the skills and labor needed to respond, rebuild and restore.

MDS collaborates with other groups, including faith-based organizations, local recovery committees, and governmental and other non-governmental agencies.

PROJECT LOCATION	DISASTER/REASON	VOLUNTEERS	SHORT TERM	LONG TERM	SUMMER YOUTH	RV	CLEAN UPS	MINOR REPAIRS	MAJOR REPAIRS	HOUSES REBUILT	CLIENTS SERVED	VOLUNTEER DAYS WORKED
CANADA												
Camp Valaqua, AB (Family Project)	AB floods (2013)	62	62				0	0	4	0	4	310
High River, AB		419	279	68	72		15	48	1	0	64	2770
US												
Alakanuk, AK	Floods (2013)	44	44				0	4	1	2	7	524
Circle, AK	Floods (2013)	20	20				0	11	2	0	13	161
Jamestown, CO	Floods (2013)	264	119	52	93		2	16	0	1	19	1855
Pensacola, FL (RV)	Floods (2014)	12				12	0	2	0	0	2	291
Braithwaite, LA (RV)	Hurricane Isaac (2012)	56				56	0	15	1	1	17	687
Crisfield, MD	Hurricane Sandy (2012)	526	476	50			0	0	0	8	8	4227
Detroit, MI	Floods (2014)	115	115				153	0	0	0	153	176
Duluth, MN	Floods (2012)	186	173	13			0	1	0	4	5	1021
Columbus, MS (Warehouse)	Tornados (2013)	10	1	9			0	0	0	0	0	377
Hattiesburg, MS (RV)		40				40	2	4	0	1	7	641
Louisville, MS (Storm Aid)		283	271	12			0	13	1	12	26	1312
Sayreville, NJ	Hurricane Sandy (2012)	126	114	12			1	4	0	0	5	726
Far Rockaway, NY	Hurricane Sandy (2012)	260	224	36			2	19	1	0	22	1916
Staten Island, NY		546	359	91	96		0	34	6	0	40	3517
Staten Island, NY (Storm Aid)		310	305	5			0	36	7	0	43	2980
Shawnee, OK	Tornados (2013)	123	109	14			0	20	1	0	21	896
Lititz, PA (Warehouse)		10	8	2								67
Bastrop, TX	Fires (2010)	207	195	12			0	0	0	6	6	1515
Bastrop, TX (RV)		17				17	0	0	0	1	1	392
TOTALS		3636	2874	376	261	125	175	227	25	36	463	26,361

Summer Youth Projects

Staten Island, NY
4 weeks
96 volunteers
Youth volunteers repaired homes that were damaged by Hurricane Sandy in October 2012.

High River, AB
4 weeks
72 volunteers
Youth volunteers repaired homes that were damaged in the June 2013 flood of the Highwood River.

Jamestown, CO
4 weeks
93 volunteers
Youth volunteers repaired homes that were damaged by the 2013 flood.



Partnership Home Program Houses completed in 2014:

SPONSORING GROUP

HOMEOWNER LOCATION

Casselman Valley MDS Unit (MD/PA)	Lead Mine, WV
Shenandoah Valley MDS Unit (VA)	Rainelle, WV
College Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN	New Orleans, LA
Shenandoah Valley MDS Unit (VA) ...	A foot bridge was built in Webster Springs, WV

Local MDS Responses 2014

a sampling of regional and local MDS activity



REGION I

→The Shenandoah Valley Unit built a PHP home in Rainelle, WV, and a foot bridge in Webster Springs, WV. →The Casselman Valley Unit built a PHP home in Lead Mine, WV. →The Virginia Unit rebuilt a house in Belhaven, NC, that was destroyed by a tornado. →The NY Unit cleaned up after tornados in Lewis County and responded to the historic snowfall in Northern New York. →The Lancaster Co. Unit repaired a home in Penns Grove, NJ, that was damaged by Hurricane Sandy. →An ERT team from the Eastern Virginia Unit cleared trees and debris in Raleigh County, WV, after a wind storm. →The Eastern PA Unit repaired homes in Sayreville, NJ, and Kensington, PA. Both were damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

REGION II

→Volunteers responded to tornado damage in Washington and Gifford, IL, and rebuilt a home in Brookport, IL. →The Western OH Unit repaired flood-damaged homes in LaRue, OH, and repaired a home in Cloverdale, OH, that was hit by a tornado. →Volunteers cleaned up after an EF-4 tornado in Mississippi and the MDS Storm Aid project in Louisville began rebuilding homes. →Volunteers responded to tornados in multiple locations including Columbus, MS, in late December. →Units in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Ontario collaborated to muck out and sanitize basements in Detroit, MI, that had been flooded.

REGION III

→The Colorado Unit began responding to flood damage east of the Rockies and the Jamestown Binational project was opened to rebuild homes. →The Arkansas Search and Rescue Unit was deployed on many rescue calls this year. →Volunteers responded to tornados in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas, Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota and hail damage in Texas. →Volunteers responded to a flood in Lindsborg, KS. →The response to the Black Forest fire and the High Park fire in Colorado continued.

REGION IV

→The Arizona Unit rebuilt two homes in Yarnell, AZ, that were destroyed by wildfire. →Region IV volunteers worked for seven weeks to rebuild homes in Circle and Alakanuk, AK, that had been destroyed by floods. →The Washington Unit cleaned up six sites in Pateros and Brewster, WA, after homes were destroyed by wildfires.

REGION V

→The Alberta Unit began clean up and repair after floods in High River, AB, and a response was opened to continue the rebuilding. →The Alberta Unit sponsored a family project at Camp Valaqua, building cabins for the camp. →The Saskatchewan Unit responded to flooding in several locations. →Volunteers responded to tornado damage in Angus, ON. →The Ontario unit worked on a home in Kitchener that was destroyed by fire.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"Love Awakens Hope"

Elizabeth Wilder, a Disaster Management Program student at Hesston College, describes what she saw happen at Ms. Elaine's house in High River, Alberta, "The love of God transformed a vision and construction materials into a basement, and that transformed a basement into a symbol of hope".

Hope was awakened by many acts of love. In 2014, 3,636 volunteers worked 26,361 days, a value of \$4,755,524 (based on a volunteer rate of \$22.55/hour*). Additional volunteers served in many Unit and Regional responses showing love to their neighbors in a practical way.

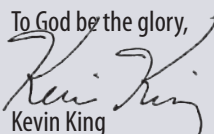
Sandra Lynn Price, chair of the Mississippi VOAD says of MDS volunteers arriving on scene to the Louisville tornados, "When our Mennonite friends are with us, we know we will be okay."

This past year didn't have multiple billion-dollar disasters as in the past several years. Nor did it see a major hurricane like 2012's Super Storm Sandy that caused over \$65 billion in damages. But there were some unique disasters and officials say there may be more to come. Last February saw the massive mudslide in Oso, Washington, wiping out 49 residences and killing 43. Historic snowfall covered New York. Straight-line winds caused damage in multiple locations.

Although other types of disasters dominated the news – cyber stealing, threats to power grids, the Ebola virus epidemic and gun violence and unrest – the multiple tornados, wildfires, and floods that didn't make the national news made this year the "worst year" for those affected by these disasters.

MDS volunteers left their homes and traveled to the many locations where disasters descended uninvited. This report shows the efforts of these caring workers who cleaned out basements, cut up tree limbs, laid new foundations, and built sturdy houses.

Thanks to your financial support, MDS is financially sound, is equipped with willing volunteers, and with the prayers of many so we can keep rebuilding hope!

To God be the glory,

 Kevin King
 Executive Director

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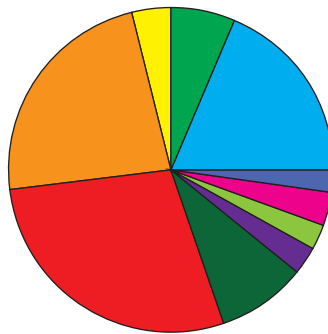
How did MDS use my donation?

2014 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

	CANADA (CDN Dollars)		UNITED STATES (US Dollars)	
YEAR	2014	2013	2014	2013
BEGINNING NET ASSETS	1,382,000	1,052,000	10,696,000	8,866,000
REVENUE	1,230,000	1,269,000	3,110,000	4,834,000
Contributions and Grants	1,193,000	1,138,000	2,926,000	4,741,000
Other Revenue	37,000	131,000	184,000	93,000
EXPENDITURES	907,000	939,000	3,242,000	3,004,000
Program/Project	673,000	708,000	2,369,000	2,223,000
Supporting Activities	208,000	209,000	748,000	659,000
Fundraising	26,000	22,000	125,000	122,000
ENDING NET ASSETS	\$1,705,000	\$1,382,000	\$10,564,000	\$10,696,000
Program Project %	74.2%	75.4%	73.1%	74.0%
Support %	25.8%	24.6%	26.9%	26.0%

2014 UNITED STATES EXPENDITURES

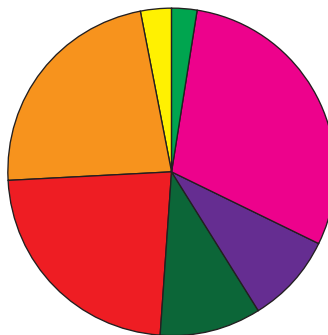
Program and supporting activities (US Dollars).....**3,242,000**



Program Leadership	208,000	6%
Hurricane Sandy '12	604,000	19%
Spring Storms '14	79,000	2%
Colorado Flooding '13	103,000	3%
Texas Wildfires '11	86,000	3%
Region Project Responses	89,000	3%
Other Project Responses	287,000	9%
General Project Expenses	913,000	28%
Supporting Activities	748,000	23%
Fundraising	125,000	4%

2014 CANADA EXPENDITURES

Program and supporting activities (CDN Dollars)**907,000**



Program Leadership	24,000	3%
Alberta Flooding '13	270,000	30%
Other Binational Project Responses	80,000	9%
Other Region V & Region V Unit Projects	90,000	10%
General Project Expenses	209,000	23%
Supporting Activities	208,000	23%
Fundraising	26,000	3%



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