

Past Mission Trips

2019 Mission Trip to Omaha

Due to serious flooding, Nebraska recently sustained \$553 million in public damage and about \$90 million in private sector damage. Based on our own experience with flooding in 2013, we know how meaningful it is to receive outside help during cleanup, recovery, and rebuilding efforts. So for the 2019 mission trip on September 29-October 6, we will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Omaha to help repair homes that were damaged by the devastating spring floods.

We will be staying at Country Bible Church in Blair, just north of Omaha, and working for Fremont Habitat For Humanity just east of Omaha, to repair homes damaged in the floods this spring. We are planning to work five days and have one day of sightseeing in Omaha. We may still have a couple of places open; if you want to be part of the team, or have questions, please contact Bob Cotton (303-651-6563) as soon as possible.

Pine Ridge Reservation Mission



Sept. 2: Workday 3 – installing beds. Bed for young a boy with lots of little cousins who wanted to share!

This was a joint outreach for several years to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota with Light of Christ through the organization **Re-Member**. The focus is to improve the quality of reservation life through relationships, shared resources and volunteer services. BLC provided financial support; volunteer participants for a one week service mission; and additional small support projects during the year. Check out pictures of our trips in the **Pine Ridge Mission slideshow**.

Propane for Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

We have an ongoing relationship with Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, as we have done several mission trips there. The Re-Member organization that we worked with is asking for donations to help the needy at Pine Ridge buy propane for the winter.

Thank you for your generosity. On February 19, we had a Love Offering to buy propane for the Lakota Sioux on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. One of our members graciously offered

\$500 in matching funds. We met that goal and more—a little more than \$1,100 will be sent to Pine Ridge. That will buy a lot of much needed propane!

Appalachia Mission Trips in 2016 and 2017

Our 2016 and 2017 mission trips were to David, Kentucky to work through the St. Vincent Mission.

Life has been hard in this area whose only industry is coal mining and now most of the mines are closed. Unemployment is high and there is not one factory in Floyd County (a population of 38,000 people).

We work with St. Vincent Mission in Floyd County. They have been active in this area for many years and host volunteer groups of all ages and denominations. More information on their work can be found on the **St. Vincent Mission website**.