

Iowa Flood 2008 Update 3

Monday was a busy day. We awoke to find out that 6 of the 7 team members from Tru Hope International from CC Westgrove, CA had arrived a little early and needed some sleep, 37 ½ hours!! They got some sleep and then I took a couple of them to see the job sites that we would be working on.

I had some rounds to make dealing with United Way and a few other things, then after dinner Jeff, Tyler and I headed to Cedar Rapids to pick up John from Tru Hope at the airport and went to Sam's to pick up some groceries that Mercy Chefs had provided.

We got a little late start due to a couple of issues on Tuesday, but we hit it hard. We went back to the home we started over the weekend and put a huge dent into the demo. The stack of stuff at the curb at the end of the day was amazing, everyone worked hard.

Around noon, some of the folks from Safe Harbor started coming in. After they got settled, they showed up and helped another home owner with some demo work along with MJ and Paul from CC Iowa City. We're expecting a couple more from Safe Harbor tonight.

I bounced around between sites, set up some future jobs and was able to get some electricity working in a couple of homes so that we could begin pumping out the water and running dehumidifiers.

After dinner I took Brady from SH to the job his crew will be working on tomorrow and went and picked up some tools. Some of the guys headed out to do some witnessing at the mall. All in all it was a very productive day, though there is still a lot of work to be done; we are still being approached to do more!

We have Todd from FL driving out, leaving tomorrow, a small group from Illinois who wants to come and see how we do what we do as there town is currently flooding and they want to learn in order to help their community, a guy from Minnesota will be here soon and possibly a couple more next week. We could still use more help for the next couple of weeks. Please contact me if you have any interest to bring yourself or a team. Thanks to Scott Crawford from Committed Relief, he's been working the sidelines trying to get the word out to help with teams, pray for him as he just had back surgery and is recovering for the next several weeks, but will soon be up and around helping someone, somewhere!

Continue to pray for the young man, Todd, who has been burnt on over 65% of his body, his recovery is progressing, but it will be a slow process and most of all, him and his family needs Jesus and they need to be delivered from the bondage that satan has on them.

Pray for all of us coming in from all areas and working together, it's neat to see that though a lot of us have never met, we are all instantly friends because of the bond that we

have in Jesus! Pray for cool and breezy weather with no rain, work to go smooth with no injuries, everyone to pace themselves as there's a lot of work to be done and I'm always pushing for more!!

The "Jesus" stories have been awesome and have come about because of the prayers of the saints! Keep them up!!