

Greetings from Arkansas! Chuck and I finally got on the road around noon on Tuesday and drove straight through, arriving at breakfast time near our base camp on Wednesday. Earl had already arrived from Buffalo and was waiting for us. We are staying at 1st Baptist Church in Cherokee Village. They supplied us with cots, a warm shower and meals! Once we got set up, we immediately got to work.

We dropped off a generator to a lady who had heat from her wood stove, but no electricity so they couldn't pump water from their well. From there we went to an older neighborhood and started cutting trees on one guys yard. His name was Don and he doesn't much care for God. He let us pray for him and we gave him some reading materials. Keep him in your prayers.

He sent us to a Lee's home, a friend of his that is paralyzed from the waist down do to a botched back surgery. He has some issues with church when he was growing up and now claims to be an athiest. Again, keep him in your prayers.

We then worked on his neighbor's home, Marlene. A single, older lady who helps take care of many of her neighbors. She took us to two more neighbors behind her, one has Parkinson's, Wally and his wife Dolly and the other MS, Gregg whose wife lives in Little Rock and he's trying to work things out to get down there with her. Again, keep them all in your prayers. Gregg's wife recently fell and hurt herself too.

We cleared trees in all of their yards, cutting several of them down, some we cut for them to use as firewood and some got dragged to the street. All in all we worked on 6 homes our first day, straight through until dark, the guys were real troopers!

Thursday morning we awoke to find that the 16 people from California had arrived. They are all part of a ministry called House of Luke. These men and women were once drug addicts and alcoholics who have given their lives to the Lord and He has turned them around to where now they are serving Him alongside of us, what a blessing! They took the morning to get unpacked and set up so the three of us headed back out to work on more homes. The CA group joined up with us around noon and together we worked on 7 more homes! They are a great bunch of hard working men and women and we all immediately got along great, praise God! One of the girls hurt a muscle or tendon in her leg, but she says she'll be fine and that she's just going to Bless God!

We have a lot more work lined up already and the requests are just beginning to come in. Sorry I don't have a better picture, but I've been too busy to take any! I'll try to get more for the next update!

Keep us all in your prayers for unity and that we'd be able to be awesome examples of Christ as we help the hurting in this area. Also, there are some local people who don't like us here helping out saying we're taking money out of their pockets and making false accusations against us and some homeowners. Pray that no issues come up from this. We are working directly with the mayor's office and local church, have been permitted and will get our ID badges tomorrow. We aren't worried about what they say, just want to make sure they don't try to start anything directly with any of our group or any of our things!