

# April 2009 News

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## March Work Day



Part of the group from Wilkinson Church of Christ worked to demolish an upper-level deck and stairs from the old “quad” at 19 N. Oxford Street for Englewood Community Development. The group made short work of the project and hauled the old wood to a dumpster across the street.



The other half of the group also worked very hard and got very dirty tearing down the lath and plaster walls and ceilings in a house just across the street from above. As you will see, the air is ‘thick’ and the group had to push themselves to complete their work.



They did find many “treasures” as they took down the ceilings. Letters and other things from before WWII were found and helped keep them motivated, in the dust and heat.



Sweeping up what comes off the ceilings and walls is a constant chore.



A large group from Woodland Heights CC worked outside and inside at Neighborhood Fellowship Church. Here, two guys did some careful window caulking.



Several got to apply tape and mud to the drywall ceilings. Some others got to hang a few sheets to form a closet. Others painted and cleaned.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> group was from Highland Church of Christ in Robinson, IL. They got up really early to come serve! Here some of the group puts in gutter drainage for the Reid family.



The other half of their group worked to install picket fences across the back of two Englewood properties.

## Meet the Summer Staff

**Andrew Long** is from Clear Creek CC (Bloomington) and attends Johnson Bible College.

**Elizabeth Heuss** is from Chapel Rock CC and attends Grace College.

**Joe Manning** is from Hope Church (Mason, OH) and attends Anderson University.

**Kelsey Coker** is from Taylorville CC (IL) and attends Illinois State University.

**Megan Brockett** is from Arcadia Church of the Brethren and attends Indiana University.

**Megan Miller** is from Chapel Rock CC and attends Ball State University.

**Nick Masser** is from Bethel Grove Bible Church (Ithaca, NY) and attends Cedarville University.

**Tracy Taylor** is from Rising Sun Church of Christ (Iowa) and attends Milligan College.

In addition to these eight (8) Summer Interns that are talented, passionate and eager to serve, **Jenna James** will serve as Media Coordinator. Jenna is from First CC (Newburgh, IN) and attends Ball State. She will take pictures and video, as well as put together promo videos for future use and may even write the next newsletter!

Once again, Niccole and husband Nick will add to their family, as baby # 2 joins Nora in June. We will miss Niccole's leadership but we are excited to have two coordinators who will lead the intern staff this summer. They will do a great job of "filling her shoes"

**Jen Mukes** will serve as the VBS Coordinator. She will be responsible for all activities and plans related to the four Vacation Bible Schools we will lead this summer. Jen comes from Harvest Bible Chapel (Fishers) and is a senior at Cedarville University.

**Jill Bourgeois** will serve as the Intern Coordinator and will focus on discipling and mentoring the intern staff. Jill will also assist Ron in the details of the Summer Program. Jill comes from Staunton Alliance (VA) and is a senior at Milligan College.

## April Work Day

On April 18<sup>th</sup> a group from St. Andrew United Methodist in Lafayette came to work and spend the weekend in a full MI experience – shower trailer too! This is the second year this church has sent a group.



The group gathered for prayer in the parking lot Saturday and that was a real encouragement to MI staff.



The group did everything from interior lath and plaster

demolition ...



...to picking up rocks and debris from a yard to prepare for landscaping.



Neither the group nor MI realized until we arrived on site, that part of their group had worked last spring just two doors down, building the above wheelchair ramp.



This time they worked in the yard of R.D. who ironically had been the one who suggested MI build the ramp for his neighbor in '08. No one could have known that 5 months after that first ramp was built, R.D. would be in a terrible accident and need a ramp of his own. The group helped finish the project for R.D. and his family.