

In December, 2010, (important date to note) the committee in charge of the mission trip “Fellowship of the Carpenter”, after much prayer and discussion, made a last minute change in our 2011 destination. We decided to go to Joplin, Missouri. We have also been thinking about making a change in our 40 year old mission trip. Since we have had a struggle getting high school students to have time to join us, we have thought that perhaps we should open it to adults.

We spent much time in discussion and prayer.

God directed us to Joplin for a reason, only He knew at the time. May 22, 2011 we learned the reason God led us to Joplin. A path 7 miles long and 1 mile wide of total destruction was cut through the center of Joplin, Missouri. Because of the great need of the people of Joplin, we then decided to open our camp to all adults. Two of our decisions were made by the guiding hand of God.

We worked with Samaritan’s Purse, Franklin Graham’s disaster relief organization during the day. We cleaned up what was left of people’s homes. Tornado victims were prayed for and given bibles. In the evenings we worshiped, studied God’s word, and enjoyed our time together.

We had the best mission trip we have ever had. Guided and planned by God. We thank Presbytery of Great Rivers for helping fund our efforts. We thank God for His Guidance during this mission outreach.

We are returning June 16 – 23, 2012 to shower the love of Jesus on Joplin, and help her people rebuild. If anyone of high school age or older would like to go with us please call Betty at 217-430-4538 or Carol at 217-357-4031.



Some of the group cleaning up a home in Joplin, Missouri.



The "Fellowship of the Carpenter" after finishing clean up of someone's home.



Disposing of a wall.



Evening Bible study.