



District Conference Report 2018

Once again, S. Ohio/KY BDM has had another very active year. We've been immeasurably blessed by willing volunteers and supportive churches. The need to assist disaster survivors is greater than ever, and together we serve our God by serving our neighbors.

Since District Conference last September, **169 volunteers** have gone on 14 trips to repair and/or rebuild homes damaged from devastating floods. They have served in Missouri, S. Carolina, and North Carolina. These trips cost S. Ohio/KY BDM about \$8,000. An Appreciation Dinner was held in March at Eaton Church of the Brethren, where thirty-seven first-time volunteers were recognized, and received a hammer with an engraved name plate. Three Children's Disaster Service (CDS) workers were recognized, and given an angel with a CDS medallion.

Helping Hands, our local arm of BDM, worked with Bethany Seminary. Four volunteers painted after renovations were made in Patterson House, where a bedroom and bathroom were added.

As we **partner with CWS**, sixty-one workers attended **Sewing Bees**, held about every six weeks at Greenville COB. School bags were sewn and school supplies were purchased to fill the bags. Since last District Conference, we have sent to the Brethren Service Center 211 cleanup buckets, 2,500 school kits, and 4,000 hygiene kits. About \$33,000 has been spent by BDM for these CWS kits, buckets, and shipping to the point of need. Twenty-two volunteers went to the **Brethren Service Center** in New Windsor, MD last fall. They worked in Material Resources, preparing Church World Service (CWS) hygiene and school kits for shipment.

Many people have worked very hard **raising funds**, holding an annual Ice cream Social, Golf Scramble, and parking cars at the Pork Festival. These, along with Kroger Community Rewards, total about \$10,000. Many individuals and churches have also donated to S. Ohio/KY BDM. Together these funds make it possible for volunteers to go on trips at no cost to themselves. It enables us to operate two BDM vans, transporting our crews to the BDM sites. A Dessert Auction was held in March, and \$4,300 was raised for national BDM. We appreciate the prayer, encouragement, and financial support of our District, which makes this ministry possible.

For more information and involvement in BDM, you are invited to our **monthly meetings** usually held on the first Thursday of the month (except Aug. & Dec.) at Mill Ridge Village Community Center, 1000 Mill Ridge Circle, Union, OH. However, our next meeting will be on the 2nd Thursday, Nov. 8. Fellowship time is at 6:30 PM, and the meeting begins at 7:00. All are welcome!

Serving Christ by serving others together,
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