

Southern Ohio/ Kentucky BDM Report for 2020 District Conference

The national BDM was finally able to bring one of our two national units to Dayton to help rebuild homes and lives after the tornados of last year.

Before that unit could come to Dayton, the former Memorial Presbyterian Church on Smithville Road was converted from serving as a church to now serving as a volunteer center. Sammy and Phil Deacon and Rex Miller, along with other volunteers, spent many hours completing all that was involved in that transition.

Because of the pandemic, we have only had two trips out of state and that was before out of state travel was restricted. October 11 is our next out of state trip. We will be going to Bayboro, North Carolina. Others sometimes will come here, and sometimes we must go to other places, because we are all in this together.

In the early stages of our national BDM work in Dayton, local volunteers did the work. Since August volunteers have come from out of state to assist in rebuilding homes and lives.

In addition to our rebuild work we give assistance to Church World Service through bucket filling projects [1,000 this year] and school bag filling projects [1,000 this year]. Rudie Easterling and Barb Brower are the main coordinators that make this work possible.

Interestingly, in spite of the fact that we have not been able to have any of our fundraising projects this year, people have been very generous with financial donations. Many volunteers have shared the work. We are extremely grateful to those who donate their time, labor, and skill whether removing and replacing siding or dry walling or laying down floors or sewing school bags, or filling cleanup buckets or school kits. Individuals and churches have blessed the ministry through their faithful giving of resources.

For all gifts of time and service, however great or small, we are eternally grateful. In spite of the pandemic, and because of the strong district support, Southern Ohio/Kentucky BDM is strong and active.

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