

## BHMC Partner Ministry



# Mennonite Disaster Service

## About Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS):

### MISSION

Mennonite Disaster Service is a volunteer network of Anabaptist churches that responds in Christian love to those affected by disasters in Canada and the United States. While the main focus is on clean up, repair and rebuilding homes, this service touches lives and nurtures hope, faith and wholeness.

### MDS HELPS THE MOST VULNERABLE

MDS is the organized response of our churches to the needs of "neighbors" in time of disaster. We endeavor, in the spirit of Christian love, to follow Christ's example by giving time, talents, and energies to help relieve suffering caused by disasters. We understand the ministries of listening, cleanup, repair, reconstruction to be examples of "the cup of cold water" given to those in need. MDS focuses on helping the most vulnerable: the elderly, the handicapped, single parents, the unemployed, the uninsured and the underinsured. Our focus is on helping those who are not covered by traditional means of recovery.

### THE MDS NETWORK

The MDS network is divided into five regions of response. There are four regions in the United States and one region in Canada. Each region is managed by regional officers and a regional director. Each MDS region is divided into units. Units often follow the geographic boundaries of provinces and states. MDS's Administrative offices are located in Lititz, Pennsylvania. and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

## Support this Ministry

There are several ways to volunteer with MDS:

- Short-term volunteers (1-3 weeks)
- Long-term volunteers (1 month or more)
- RV Program volunteers
- Youth volunteers

All short-term and all US volunteers call (800) 241-8111, to schedule time at a project.

Contributions may be sent to:

United States – 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543