

**Rockingham District Native American Cooperative Ministry  
Of the United Methodist Church**

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**A pictorial letter from Gary Locklear # 982955**

**Missionary: The General Board of Global Ministries. Assigned to the Rockingham District Native American Cooperative Ministry.**

*Greetings friends and supporters of my ministry here in southeastern NC. What a year it has been? Heavy rains really hampered our early efforts at home repairs. In July the temperatures were kept in the high 80's and low 90's which helped us a lot. Not one day over 95 degrees all summer. What a 126 team members from five different UMC Conferences. We worked on 18 projects and invested more that 4800 hours in the mission field. Teams spent considerable financial resources to make life better for 18 families that had some rather serious needs. It was also a General Conference year which break from the 95+ temperatures we are accustomed to here in mid June through mid September. I am enjoying more support than ever from my many friends around the connection. Thanks for all your support. Blessings to all of you as we prepare for 2014.*



Members of the Port Republic UMC was the first team of 2013 to come and work with us this summer. They worked Easter week through wind, rain and cold to replace the floors, plumbing, cabinets and insulation of Ms. Ella carter's home. They also built a deck and Porch.



Rev. Kelly Hunt points out the kind of damage we work with when teams visit.



A new roof is installed on a home between the rain showers in late June.



Members of Beaver Memorial UMC from Pennsylvania tear out the floor of a home preparing it for a new floor and covering.



Members of Beaver Memorial UMC do a little grooming and landscaping for Sacred Pathways between working on other projects. Beaver has become a partner church with Sacred Pathways.



Team members assess the water damage to a house before moving on to repairs. Water damage is the number enemy of the house in this wet region.



Another roof is prepared for shingles just ahead of the daily rains in early July.



Members of Beaver Memorial UMC pose at Sandy Plains UMC after dinner and worship. This is Beaver's third year with us working on several projects in our community.



Ms' Bea's house needed new cabinets, floors, doors some appliances. Thanks to several teams from Virginia, Georgia and local Baptists Ms. Bea is now safe in her home. Pictured is a youth team from East Cobb UMC in Marietta Georgia painting the exterior of the house.



Serious water damage has destroyed the entire roof including the ceiling and floor in the house. Everything, even the rafters and joist had to be replaced in order to begin replacing the roof starting with the sheathing.



Members of Cloverhill UMC in Virginia put the finishing touches on Earl Lowry's home with a fresh coat of paint.



Arch Street UMC paint one of the three projects they took on this summer. The team is becoming regulars in this community and is developing their painting skills each summer



Marie and Richard Moore get some much needed roof repair from the Bethany UMC team from Virginia. A coat of paint was also applied.



Arch Street UMC pose for a photo. This is the fifth year Arch Street UMC has traveled from Philadelphia



Members of Whiteville UMC and friends from UNC-P donate time and energy to complete the repair on the home of Earl Lowry.



Whiteville UMC in action replacing doors and windows at the home of Earl Lowry. Painting and gutter work

## Special Feature on Conference Missionary Wil Bailey serving in Costa Rica



With the help of our Conference Board Of Mission, Steve Taylor and Bill Haddock we were able to work out a visit of one of our own conference missionaries, Wil Bailey and a team of Pastors from Costa Rica. What an enjoyable week this was to have friends from other parts of the world rather than going to other parts of the world. The team focuses on two projects. One with Partners In Ministry and the second with Native American Ministries. The team did mostly construction work with the poor among us in Robeson and Scotland Counties.

There were many opportunities for the team to mingle with locals in both worship and casual settings. It was great to see our connection at work with people coming and going supporting this team as they went about serving and building relationships. Many thanks to Steve, Bill, Wil and the NC Conference for this great work.



Work for the team included replacing of windows for the PIM mission station in East Laurinburg. Deaconess Melba McCallum provided great work and hospitality for the team while they worked at her site.



The Costa Rican team installed a roof on a home of a person that had been living in a large crate. It didn't take the team long to use power tools and equipment to get a lot of work done.



In addition to the hard work the team spent time immersing themselves in the history of the Lumbee community. This history continued as the team spent a few hours on the Lumber River stopping from time to time and hearing lectures from Mac Ledgerlin and Gary Locklear

