

BMH Newsletter Spring

BMH VEHICLE FLEET FUNDRAISER

While serving in Eleuthera late last year, a volunteer team from Covington FUMC asked how they could continue to support BMH upon returning to the States. Through some creative brainstorming, team leaders from Covington and the BMH team came up with the idea of a Bahamian dinner, catered –of course– by Miss Pauline, to raise funds toward the improvement of the BMH vehicle fleet.



In early February, Pauline and KP traveled to Atlanta –with at least ten conch in tow. Pauline and the Covington FUMC team served Curried Chicken, Conch Fritters, Peas & Rice, Fried Grouper and more to the 100+ people in attendance, and after the meal KP delivered a presentation about BMH's current projects and vehicle fleet. Altogether, the fundraiser brought in over \$9,500!

We are so grateful for the generosity and support of Covington FUMC and all those who participated in and contributed to the vehicle fleet fundraiser. Stay tuned to find out how this funding has been used for the BMH vehicle fleet!

Would your church be interested in hosting a fundraising event for BMH? Please send us an email at methodisthabitat@gmail.com and let's get the ball rolling!

VOLUNTEER TEAMS

W. Pennsylvania Conf. // W. Pennsylvania
Wesley Fellowship @ Duke // Durham, NC
Susquehanna Conf. // Lewistown, PA
FUMC Sebring // Sebring, FL
Albany FUMC // Albany, GA
Concord UMC // Knoxville, TN
Wesley Foundation UTK // Knoxville, TN
Covenant UMC // Smyrna, GA
Pensacola UMC // Pensacola, FL
Albany FUMC (families) // Albany, GA
Fly-In Group



BMH has been busy in the new year! Here are some highlights of what our volunteer teams accomplished.

Project Highlights



CURRENT ISLAND

In late February, BMH hosted two teams on Current Island. The teams completed projects for Zion Children's Home, including pouring the foundation of a ZCH staff member's home and installing paneling to privatize the house parent's apartment in the home. Beyond their construction work, the teams repaired the children's bicycles and volunteered at the primary school.



RETURN TO CROOKED ISLAND

In late February, a local BMH team returned to Crooked Island to address some of the outstanding needs of residents in the aftermath of category 4 Hurricane Joaquin which made landfall in late September, 2015.



BMH was on the ground on Crooked Island in October of last year, clearing debris from the high school and the airport. In early February, John and BMH Vice Chairman Deacon Roderick Pinder met with NEMA officials to discuss a partnership between the two organizations to return to Crooked Island in order to make repairs to some of the many damaged homes.



The team departed for Crooked Island in late February. In the two weeks they spent there, the BMH team was able to repair the interiors of 6 homes.

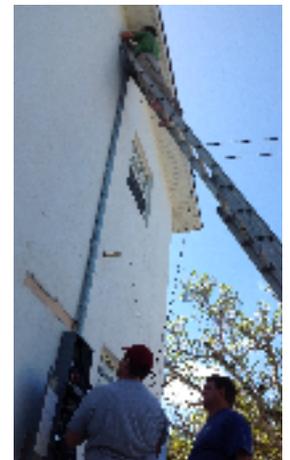
GREGORY TOWN

Four of our spring season teams worked on home repair projects in Gregory Town. Teams worked on roofing, tiling, sheet-rock installation, and painting projects throughout the settlement. Altogether, our teams worked on 6 homes and the Wesley Methodist Church!

CAMP SYMONETTE

The Caretaker's Cottage on Camp property is undergoing renovation! With the help of spring teams from Western Pennsylvania Conference, Concord UMC, and Pensacola FUMC, the cottage has new flooring, drywall, and electrical!

Camp also got a fresh paint job with the help of the Albany FUMC families in early April. We are so grateful for the loving attention given to our home this spring! Thank you!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

"Ranger Dave" Percy, from Popham Beach, Maine, has been coming to Eleuthera for the last 11 years. Before vacationing with his wife, Tracy, Ranger Dave typically volunteers a month of his time to serve with BMH at Camp Symonette. Dave joined us in late February and helped out with a number of projects from coconut tree planting to woodworking. Thank you for all your hard work and generosity, Dave!



THE 2016 T-SHIRT IS IN!



IN-KIND DONATIONS

Our ministry operates through the support and generosity of our volunteer teams and friends. Thank you to all who have recently contributed in-kind donations including tools, clothing, air mattresses, hammocks, Easter Egg Hunt goodies, copy paper, and more. It is because of your support that we can keep doing all the good we can.

Please consider visiting our Amazon Wishlist to help us address some of our everyday needs.

VOLUNTEER TEAM SPOTLIGHT



BMH would like to recognize the hard work and generosity of **Concord UMC**, a team of 30 youth and adults who joined us in the first week of our "spring break season". Out of Knoxville, TN, Concord UMC has been serving with BMH every other year since 2010.

Along with their strong work ethic and 'get things done' attitudes, this year Concord UMC brought along about 7 suitcases worth of in-kind donations. These included tools, first aid supplies, and even new air compressors! We are so blessed by your support!

And a special thank you to the students of **St. Anne School in Bristol, VA** who fundraised to fill three of those suitcases with tools off the BMH wishlist!

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