



April 25, 2018

Weekly Volunteer Opportunities

(*Urgent needs, apply immediately)

[Puerto Rico- Hurricane Maria](#)

- *May 19-26: up to 9 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)
- *May 26-June 2: up to 5 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)
- *June 2-9: up to 9 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)
- June 9-16: up to 2 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)
- June 16-23: up to 9 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)
- June 23-30: up to 5 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)
- June 30-July 7: up to 5 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)
- July 7-14: up to 5 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)
- July 14-21: up to 7 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)
- July 21-28: up to 10 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)
- July 28-Aug 4: up to 9 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)
- August 4-11: up to 9 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)
- August 11-18: up to 10 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)
- August 18-25: up to 10 people (skilled in metal roofing or laying block)

[Pine Ridge, South Dakota- Windstorms](#)

- *April 29-May 5: up to 5 people
- *May 6-12: up to 13 people
- *May 13-19: up to 2 people
- *May 20-26: up to 1 person
- *May 27-June 2: up to 4 people

[Victoria County, TX- Hurricane Harvey](#)

- *April 29-May 5: up to 15 people
- *May 13-19: up to 15 people
- *May 20-26: up to 13 people
- *May 27-June 2: up to 10 people
- June 17-23: up to 3 people

[Williams Lake, British Columbia-2017 Wildfires](#)

- *May 20-26: up to 10 people
- *May 27-June 2: up to 10 people
- *June 3-9: up to 10 people
- June 10-16: up to 10 people
- June 17-23: up to 10 people
- June 24-30: up to 10 people

For more information or to serve please call:

Darin Bontrager at 800-241-8111 or email dbontrager@mds.mennonite.net.

Project Leadership Opportunities

(*Urgent needs, apply immediately)

[Pine Ridge, S.D. - Windstorms](#)

- *Project Director, May 3 (or earlier) – June 2.
- *Head Cook, May 26 – June 23
- *Construction Supervisor, May 30 – July 7
- *Crew Leader, May 20 – June 16
- Crew Leader, June 17 – September 1 (minimum of 4-week at a time)

[Victoria County, TX- Hurricane Harvey](#)

- *Head Cook, May 26 – June 2
- Assistant Cook, May 26 – June 2
- Assistant Cook, June 30 – August 5
- Crew Leader, June 30 – August 5

[Puerto Rico - Hurricane Maria](#)

MDS is in need of Project Directors/Construction Supervisors. These positions require MDS experience, construction knowledge, the ability to stay for at least a month, work with sensitivity in a cross-cultural environment and the ability to speak Spanish is a plus. Applicants should be willing to travel throughout the island and work in cooperation with the MDS Puerto Rico Coordinators. Persons will have to have completed the MDS Leadership application process.

For more information or to serve please call:

U.S. residents – Josh Carson at 800-241-8111 or email jcarson@mds.mennonite.net.

Canadian residents – Evelyn Peters-Rojas at 866-261-1274 or email epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net.

Service Opportunity for Families

[2018 Family Project](#)

Shekinah Retreat Centre, Waldheim, Sask.

Aug 12-18: 1 family

[Click here](#) for more details.

Call Kelsey Friesen at 866-261-1274 or email at kfriesen@mds.mennonite.net

RV Project Opportunity

Hanceville, British Columbia

Forest fires struck parts of British Columbia in July 2017, burning for more than two months. MDS will be building a new home for a couple in Hanceville, about 100 km (62 miles) west of Williams Lake. RV (Recreational Vehicle) volunteers will be able to park their RVs right on the property of the new build and enjoy the gorgeous mountain scenery. Looking for RV volunteers to serve in 4-week blocks:

June 2-28

June 30-July 26

July 28-July 23

July 25-Sept 20

For more information and to volunteer contact:

Evelyn Peters-Rojas: epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net

Your Gifts at Work

A status report on the MDS response to the 2017 hurricanes was mailed to donors and volunteers this month. [Read and download the report here.](#)

As of mid-March, hardworking volunteers had started or completed work on 541 homes in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. This includes clean-ups, home repairs, and new construction. One of the homes repaired belongs to Virginia and Daniel Olenick of La Grange, Texas, which was damaged by Hurricane Harvey.

“These volunteers are awesome. You couldn’t ask for better,” Virginia said.

“I’m so proud of these people,” Daniel also said of the volunteers.

“These people are just flat gittin’ it. I mean, they sheetrocked the whole house in one day.”

We are grateful for the prayers, volunteers and financial support that make this possible!

Brad Fair

MDS Development Manager

Director's Blueprint

MDS has seven core values that say who we are as an organization and what drives us. Continuing the theme of sharing these – we look at our third core value which is Compassion.

We practice servant leadership, compassion and cultural sensitivity with fellow volunteers, constituents and those we serve. To do this takes an immense amount of will to listen. Donella Meadows (1941-2001), a systems theorist and pioneering American environmentalist, teacher, and writer once said, “The scarcest resource is not oil, metals, clean air, capital, labor, or technology. It is our willingness to listen to each other and learn from each other and to seek the truth rather than seek to be right.”

For a full listing of our core values [click on this link](#) and observe the photos accompanying these seven values.

Kevin King

MDS Executive Director

MDS Job Opportunities

1. [Coordinator for Weekly Volunteers](#) – Lititz, Pa.
2. [Program Administrative Assistant](#) – Lititz, Pa.

Send cover letter and resume to jobs@mds.mennonite.net