

May Edisto Trip

The week of May 14-21 found eleven district members from six different churches traveling to Ridgeville, South Carolina, to work with the Edisto Indians. Once again it was a very rewarding experience.

We arrived late Saturday in time to attend the last day of the Edisto Pow-Wow. On Sunday morning we attended Homecoming services at Trinity UMC, in whose parsonage we are staying, and were their guests for lunch. That evening they started their revival services, and the team attended those until they ended Wednesday evening.

In addition, we actually put in days of hard work. The team was able to tear out water damaged floors in two kitchens, install new floors and floor coverings, as well as new kitchen cabinets in one of those. A new set of porch steps was installed, and rotten siding was removed and replaced on the exterior of a house.

At the old community center, the electrical panel box was overhauled. Our electrical team also installed a new panel box and meter base in a house being rehabilitated. We also jacked up the center supporting beam in the crawl space and installed new piers and jacks to stabilize it.

One last task was to replace “life-time” screen doors on the dining room and kitchen at the old community center. We found out the life-time amounted to about three years. We replaced them with quality storm doors which will keep out the elements and insects.

The team spent over \$2,800.00 on materials for this trip. The work done would have cost the Edistos over \$10,000.00 if they had contracted it out. To be honest, the work would never have been done as the people we worked for barely have enough money meet daily needs. We thank all our donors who do so much to keep this ministry going. We also encourage any and all to consider making a trip with us. If that is not possible for you, please prayerfully consider financially supporting us. Donations should be made out to “Friends of the Edisto” and mailed to Gary Lied, 291 Chappell Rd., Keysville, VA 23947.

With your continued help, we will carry out UMVIM’s motto, “Christian Love In Action.”