

During the month of May, three individuals from our church traveled with others from Genesis Fellowship and First Baptist Church of Ravenswood to Gulfport, Mississippi. Jake Stapleton, Lynne Hudson and Pastor Greg were part of this team. During their time in Gulfport, our team worked with others from St. James Baptist Church Recovery Ministry, helping to build a home for an elderly woman in the Gulfport community. St. James Recovery ministry is founded upon this scripture found in James 1: 27, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." This scripture serves as a guiding principle for all the church does for the elderly in the community. Their main focus is the underprivileged and those who can't do for themselves. They are lead in their efforts by Pastor Eddie Hartwell, pastor of St. James Baptist. He has a tremendous vision to care for many who have been displaced by the terror of Hurricane Katrina in the fall of 2005.



*The Team (L to R): Ron Aylestock, Daniel Beiling, Lynne Hudson, Becky Vandergriff, Mark Jarrell, Pastor Greg and Jake Stapleton*



*A new kitchen...almost ready!*

Our work consisted of several projects on a new home that is being built for Mrs. Adkins. Projects included putting up vinyl siding, cutting down two trees, painting, installing interior doors and trim, installing vinyl flooring and setting kitchen cabinets in place. Although we were not able to accomplish all that we had hoped, our part will help the church finish this project, allowing Mrs. Adkins to move into her new home in just a couple of weeks.

Pea Ridge is privileged to participate in this outreach and recovery ministry. Our team is one of approximately 14 teams that will travel to Gulfport during a six month period of 2006 from West Virginia and other ABC churches from Nebraska, Colorado, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. These teams will also contribute over \$50,000 to the recovery efforts carried out by St. James. Several of our youth and adults will be traveling to Gulfport in July. Pray for their ministry to be fruitful and productive.



*Jake...ready to work!*

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