



I am excited to report to everyone that more than 50 people signed up on the first day that Mission Minot was announced! Since then I have heard people talking about it and hoping to be able to go, even though it is short notice. We have also heard from our sister church, Hope LB Church in Appleton, that they are interested in going with us! More good news, Dave Brill who works for Buesing Bulk, informed us that his work is donating 100 pairs of work gloves!

I am going to answer some of the questions that I have received in the past couple of days.

1st: What will I be doing?

There is a need for people to do a lot of different work: demolition, re-construction, yard work, cooking, or even just talking to the people who live in the house while others do the work, encouraging others, provide rides, etc.

2nd: How will I get there?

We have a number of different ways to get there. We are looking into renting a charter bus which looks like it will cost \$75 per person round trip. This coach bus would probably leave Friday, Oct. 14th, around 4pm (after work hours) and come back on Monday morning. Some people might be going as a family and they may wish to drive themselves. If you are driving yourself and have room in your car consider giving other people a ride, pitch in and share gas. Some people will caravan -- leave at the same time and drive together. **(Please communicate this to me! I really want to know how you are getting there. See question 4)**

3rd: Where will we sleep and where will we eat?

This is the best part (trying to sell you on this one)! This weekend mission trip shouldn't cost you much money outside of getting there and your food on the way. Our Redeemer Church in Minot is going to house everyone who needs housing. We can stay in the church. They have 2 gyms and plenty of room. (Consider that our housing conditions will be a little bit more comfortable than on the Papua New Guinea Mission trip!) If you are elderly or have special needs they have a few people who have opened their homes to us. Or, if you'd like, you can always rent a hotel while you are there. If you have back issues/light sleeper/just don't want to share a big room with others, then by all means please feel free to get a hotel room. We just really want you to come!

4th: When are we going?

This is where there is some freedom. We are going to be there the weekend of October 15th/16th. You can go whenever you want. They will house you and feed you as long as you are there. I would say the majority of people will leave sometime on Friday, work Saturday, worship on Sunday, and either work more on Sunday then come home Monday or just come home on Sunday after church. So there is freedom to do what fits your schedule. **(I would really like to know when you plan on going and coming back, if you want to carpool, caravan, or ride on the charter bus.)**

5th: What will I need to bring?

Clothes, towel, toilettes, sleeping bag or air mattress, pillow, blanket, and a hammer/pry bar if you have them.

6th: No one asked this question but I still want you to think about it. How useful will I really be for just one weekend?

To answer this I ask you to close your eyes. Now imagine you are looking at the floor. You see a picture. It is ruined by water damage. The picture is wrecked and the glass is broken. Now you see beyond the picture to the floor and the carpet is stained and smelly. Your eyes make it to the walls, which are falling apart. They have mold on them. Everything is ruined! The couch is ruined, the table is ruined, ceiling is sagging. Now imagine someone coming through the door, then another person, and another. There are there to bring comfort and help. This is what you can do for one weekend!

If you have any more questions please email Pastor Brandon at brandon@bethesdalutheran.org

Thanks for coming with us! Thanks for praying! Thank you for being so supportive! Thank you for financially helping others to go!

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