

Dear Congregation,
Mission Trip Update

Our mission trip to Nebraska is scheduled to take place June 21 - 27 .If you are interested in being a part of the team this year, please contact Garry Friesema.

From World Renew
Garry,

Good morning. I hope you and your family are healthy and doing well with all of the changes that are impacting all of us in ways that would have been almost impossible to imagine just a short time ago.

Here is the latest update for all group leaders for World Renew DRS teams currently scheduled to serve June-August, 2020.

As of right now, our disaster recovery volunteer teams are suspended through **May 31, 2020** across North America due to the Coronavirus situation. We hope that this situation will be resolved by that time and that our teams will be able to serve as planned through the summer. We are connecting regularly with our ministry partners in disaster-impacted communities throughout the duration of the current health crisis. We will revisit our current timeline in consultation with these partners, World Renew leadership, and state and federal authorities. As this situation unfolds we will keep you and all of our currently scheduled groups up to date with any decisions that may impact your upcoming service trip. Our prayer is that we will be able to resume normal disaster recovery volunteer teams as soon as it is safe for both the volunteer teams and the homeowners we want to serve. The World Renew DRS office is currently closed and our team is working from home along with so many people from across the US and Canada.

We want to encourage all DRS volunteer teams to look for safe ways to serve in your own disaster-impacted communities during this time. Share the love of Christ with your literal neighbors. Partner with your church and community leaders in whatever way you are able to safely do so. Encourage friends, family, and neighbors. Wash your hands often, and keep your distance when you have to be out in public. Remember these words of Jesus in the coming days...

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16

In the meantime, you are welcome to contact me here via email or call my cell phone at **616 566-8396** if I can be of any further assistance. We greatly value the partnership with have with you and will update you in the best possible timeline as this situation unfolds so that you can keep your teams up to speed as well. It is likely that we won't have any substantive updates on summer ministry until mid-late April.

Sincerely,

Chris

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