



REACH WORKCAMPS

Rose Grossi-

REACH Mission Trip 2014 has, once again, been an example to me of God's great power and presence. My neighbor was a lady just a few years older than myself. My situation is very similar to hers. We both live on 6 acres mostly wooded, with a pasture for horses. We both had nieces live with us, and shared a multitude of similarities. She adores her husband as I adore mine....only her husband has Alzheimers. He doesn't remember their life together and he needs constant supervision. Her home is in need of repair and upkeep that she is not able to do because she must constantly care for him and keep him safe. They are on a fixed income that doesn't allow for hiring anyone to do the work or to care for him, so that she can do any of it. My heart breaks for her as I write this. She loves the Lord and has a great attitude of faith, she is thankful for the good times they had. She told me that she leans on God in a way she never knew before. As we gathered together the first day to pray before beginning our renovations, she let us know that we were an answer to her prayers, God had called us and she was so grateful we answered that call! I will repeat what I said last year which is, I can not express to you enough what a great ministry REACH Workcamp is for all those who participate in anyway. It has been a joy once again to see our youth have those "ah ha" moments (I think our adults had some too), I know I did, teaching us in real life ways that all the Sunday school lessons and sermons can never do. These trips continue to bring Ray and I closer as a couple and especially this year I have been reminded of how lucky we are and that we need to be grateful for everyday we have together. My fourth mission trip has come and gone, our church's 16th! I will end by saying as I did last year; "Lots of prayer, time, and energy gets put into the preparation of these trips. Lots of people support us, too many to mention - and many that we may not even realize, but God knows who you are. I thank God for you. Our young people who go on this trip are changed. In one week they mature spiritually in a way that many may never experience." I know that they will go on to change the world for the better. You have been a part of that!

Kayla Moore-

This was my second time going to REACH Workcamps. This year I was at a house that needed a new and safer deck, walls and ceilings painted, and it also needed new floors. The people there were a family of five. They also had family that lived next to them. Out of the five days of hard work we got about everything done; a brand new deck, new floors, and fresh new paint on the walls! This year I was on a double crew, I made a lot of new friends, and I got to know new things. Out of the two times I've been able to go, this one was my favorite because of the people and the energy. I know I won't forget this one!