

## **GUINSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ----- “ THE GUINSTON GUTTERS”**

### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: MISSION TO THE SIOUX NATION Sept. 27- Oct. 5, 2014**

Our destination is the Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Lower Brule, South Dakota 57548 (185 miles West of Sioux Falls, SD). This church will serve as our base of operations, with a sleeping area, bathrooms and kitchen; additional accommodations will be available at a Habitat for Humanity facility.

**WORK PLAN:**           **IRON NATION MESSIAH CHURCH, Lower Brule, SD**  
*Construct outhouse, build handicap access ramp and deck at entrance.*  
*Upgrade weatherproofing, heating, and electricity.*  
**CHRIST CHURCH, Fort Thompson, SD**  
*Repair/upgrade handicap ramp, exterior lighting and windows*

**SCHEDULE:**

Truck and Van Loading	Friday, Sept. 26	4:00 PM
Departure from Guinston Church	Saturday, Sept. 27	6:00 AM
Overnight stop near Bloomington, Ill.	Saturday, Sept. 27	10:00 PM
Arrival in Lower Brule, SD	Sunday, Sept. 28	10:00 PM
<i>Work at Iron Nation Messiah Church and Christ Church</i>	<i>Monday, Sept. 29 through Friday, October 3</i>	
Departure from Lower Brule, SD	Saturday, Oct. 4	5:00 AM
Overnight stop near Bloomington, Ill.	Saturday, Oct. 4	10:00 PM
Return to Guinston Church	Sunday, Oct. 5	10:00 PM

#### **DETAILS:**

**1. Personal Gear:** Work clothing for the week, work shoes, medicines, sleeping bag and air mattress, cell phone, flashlight and cash for incidental expenses. You will also need some clean casual clothing for travel and social use. Keep an “overnight” bag with you for the road crew's midway stop; the bulk of our gear should be in duffel bags (preferred) or medium-sized suitcases. *Please do not bring more stuff than you can carry.*

**2. Tools:** We bring hand and power tools, ladders, generator, compressor and other machinery. GMRS “walkie-talkie” radios. First aid kit, fire extinguisher, Tyvek suits, masks and other safety equipment. If you bring personal tools, please mark them with labels, tape or paint.

**3. Transportation:** Pickups or vans for tools, equipment and personal gear. Cars or vans for additional volunteers. Vehicles must be prepared for a 3,000- mile round trip at high speed with full load. For those who can't spare time for ground travel, there is airline service to Sioux Falls or Pierre, SD.

**4. Finances:** *Volunteers are NOT required to pay any fees.* Direct expenses (safety gear, materials, tools, food, lodging and road transportation) are covered by the mission fund and by individual donations.

**5. Safety:** *This mission is not without risk.* We encourage common sense and personal responsibility for safe practices on the road and at the work site; we watch each others' backs. A volunteer with medical training will accompany the team. Individuals are asked to travel in pairs and maintain radio or cell phone contact.

If you would like to join our team but can provide only your labor you are welcome. If you can't come, but wish to support this effort, donations would also be welcome. Equally important: could you commit to a daily prayer for the team while we are away?

**Please respond to Walter or Sue Blumenfeld 717-927-6823**