

Join Bruce and Laurie Hawley in Cedar Rapids!



Cedar Rapids during the flooding



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- What:** RCA mutual mission facilitators Bruce and Laurie Hawley will be leading a work project in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to repair flood-damaged homes.
- Why:** Due to torrential rains in June 2008, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, experienced severe flooding. Ten square miles, or 14 percent of the city, was underwater. The flooding damaged 5,390 houses and forced the evacuation of 18,623 people. Many flood-damaged homes remain uninhabitable.
- When:** The work project will take place over six weeks, from July 11 to August 22, 2009. Groups will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis.
- Who:** All teams are welcome. Youth teams must have one adult for every five youth participants. Children must be accompanied by a responsible parent. At least one of every five volunteers should be a skilled worker.
- Sleeping:** Groups will stay in local churches. Showers will be available, although arrangements will vary.
- Dining:** Groups will purchase and prepare their own food in the kitchen of the church where they are staying. Restaurants are also available.
- Cost:** The cost is \$10 per person per night for accommodations, plus a materials fee of \$100 per person per week. Groups should be prepared to provide First United Methodist Church with full payment when they arrive in Cedar Rapids.
- Travel:** The Eastern Iowa Airport is conveniently located in southwest Cedar Rapids. Groups that fly will need to rent a vehicle for transportation while in Cedar Rapids.
- Partner:** Our partner, First United Methodist Church of Marion, has taken a leading role in the recovery effort and has coordinated the work of thousands of volunteers. First United Methodist is working in partnership with the Linn County Long Term Recovery Coalition. For more information, go to www.fumcmarion.org and click on "Flood Recovery."
- Registration:** RCA volunteers should register through the RCA volunteer office. Contact Nancy Ellens at (800) 968-3943 or nellens@rca.org.