

## ***"The 2nd Great Truck Haul"***

Monday June 6 was the **Joint MRV & MRVPW Mission Project— "The 2nd Great Truck Haul"**.

PW groups and church congregations were asked to make disaster kits (either Hygiene Kits or Clean-up Buckets) that would be transported to the Ferncliff (Arkansas) Regional Center for Disaster

Assistance. Usually, the cost of shipping a large number of kits is problematic. However, four Presbyteries joined together to help pay for a truck and gas that would be used to haul the kits to Arkansas. Each presbytery was asked to chip in \$500. MRV Presbytery Mission Committee gave a grant of \$300 and MRV PW gave \$200. Note: in

the following pictures you will see Clean-up Buckets. Because hazardous chemicals (like cleaning items) can not be shipped internationally, the buckets will be used in the USA. The hygiene kits may be sent abroad or used in the US.



This is the van as it was packed upon arrival at Central Presbyterian Church



Van drivers, Rev Darin Bentzinger and Orville Pardee from Panama, Nebraska in Homestead Presbytery. They were also the drivers on the 1st Truck Haul. Darin and Orville drove from 8:30am until 6:30pm doing the pick-up at churches on the "Truck Haul route". From Nebraska City, it was an 8 hour drive to Ferncliff



MRVPW Mission coordinator Ruth Madison, MRVPW Moderator Joan Hackett, and Orville as the truck was ready to leave Central Presbyterian Church.



Now at Bethany Presbyterian Church, we pondered...how do we get all of these kits into the truck and will it all really fit?



Boxes were put in the front seat, and bags of Hygiene kits were stuffed into every nook.



As the truck is ready to leave Bethany, Joan, Ruth, Orville, and Rev Greg Carlson keep their fingers crossed in hopes that the doors will actually close. They did and the truck was off to one more stop in Nebraska City.



As the van leaves Nebraska City, another hygiene kit could not possibly be squeezed in.



An amazed David Gill begins to unload gifts from 4 presbyteries in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

### ***Following is a report from Rev. Darin Bentzinger...***

Upon arrival near Ferncliff, he and Orville were more than ready for a good night sleep. The following morning unloading began. David Gill, Ferncliff Camp Director commented that he had never seen a vehicle as stuffed as that van! Indeed,

when they opened the van doors, hygiene kits fell out of the truck. Because of the increased cost of gas and the van expense, the total cost was \$1,500. Darin and Orville are already discussing next year's truck haul. They will be researching ways to

reduce the transportation costs. Plan ahead....**the 3rd "Great Truck Haul" will be June 4, 2012. Thank you to all who participated in this event.** Someone somewhere will be grateful for your time and effort. Praise be to God.