

**FAITH WITHOUT BORDERS – DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM
& ST. JOSEPH THE CARPENTER MINISTRY**



Mary Anne Koke, Gerard Skaro and Walt Krantz assess the home of Erlene, after they cut 3 ½ feet of drywall from of her grandson's basement bedroom.



Tony Popelia works with Kathy Skaro to scrape up foam padding after cutting out the carpet in Erlene's home ...4 ½ months after the basement was flooded!



Terry Willie, the newest member of Faith Without Borders and resident of Winfield, works with Jenny Krol to roll up flood stained carpeting

Imagine waiting 4 ½ months for help!!!

Imagine for a moment...

The storms were treacherous, the streets flooded, and the flood waters reached your doorstep. **Your basement filled half-way to the ceiling with water; covering all your furniture, items in storage, and appliances.**

Days passed, the water receded, but your personal possessions were left destroyed. **You are elderly, physically challenged, without family members in the area, and/or without the financial resources to hire someone to help you.** You called for help and your name went on a waiting list. Weeks turned into months of waiting, hoping, and praying that someone would care enough to come to help.... **Four and a half months later you are discouraged but decide to call again for help. ...FWB/DRT and SJC respond!**



Jenny and Jim Krol listen to Barbara, the homeowner, describe the loss of her personal items to the flood and waiting 4 ½ long months for help to rebuild.



Joe Melko and Dave Leydet measure plywood before cutting it to rebuild Barbara's basement bathroom.



Bob Rinearson and Keith Burke, St. Joseph the Carpenter Ministry Coordinator, use a level before securing the door for Barbara's bathroom.

Barbara, the homeowner, is on the receiving end of assistance after volunteering for Missionaries of Charity in Gary.

Can you give a couple hours of your time to help those in need?

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**Can you scrub a wall, clean up a basement, bake desserts, scrape up tile, carry out debris, gut a wall, lay tile, use a hammer, sit with a flood victim, or hang drywall ....offer hope to someone who is discouraged?**

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**Call Mary Anne Koke, Faith Without Borders Co-Coordinator: 219-730-3381
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Call by Thursday to sign up for our Saturday Volunteer Crews!