

Mission Project 2007 - Sanctuary of Shelbyville

A local faith-based group has undertaken the remodeling of the old National Guard Armory on East Washington Street to provide shelter to women and their children who are escaping an abusive relationship. This facility is appropriately named the Sanctuary of Shelbyville (S.O.S.). It will be temporary housing for these individuals until they can set up their own home and start their lives over again.



The 2007 mission project took place at S.O.S.. Our team comprised of 20 people completed one of the upstairs apartments in the building. The project took 428 hours and cost about \$3,500. Various groups of individuals donated money for the project including \$100 for paint and \$300 for materials, etc.

The skills used on our mission project included: steel construction and framing, installing and finishing drywall, plastering, priming and painting, installing a shower tub unit, wiring fire alarms, building a header, laying vinyl flooring in the bathroom and closet, installing doors and cabinets, and applying trim and performing other finish work.

This project helped draw church family and friends together for a good cause. First Presbyterian Church is known for helping people, so this gave us a chance to utilize the skills learned in the Katrina Disaster mission for a local project.

Roger Palmer spoke at the September meeting at the Sanctuary of Shelbyville publicizing the work of that group in remodeling and purpose of that facility.

The S.O.S. project follows a very successful June 2006 mission trip to D'Iberville, Mississippi to help repair damage from Hurricane Katrina. The leader of the 17-member group planned the trip through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance organization.

