

CONNECTIONS

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VOLUNTEERS We have sufficient volunteers registered through the month of July to do work on the varied projects of SCKTRO and Mennonite Housing. However, we are in need of volunteers for the remaining months of the year. Plan your mission trip early and reserve a place by sending in the Group Intake Form. Contact us by phone or e-mail.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN moved our office pods from two locations to a single location west of the Volunteer Village Community Building. This move is saving us time every day as we conduct business from one location. Orphan Grain Train is providing additional sleeping units and a person care unit soon. These units will double the capacity for volunteers to be in Greensburg to accommodate ninety people. We will still use facilities outside of "Greensburg as our volunteers are over 100 per week for the next three months. (There are free RV hookups available in Greensburg as well as some camping space.)

SCKTRO has four new houses under construction. It also has thirteen repair or improvement projects underway. Each day the challenge is to place people with the right skills on the right project with the right tools and materials. Mennonite Housing is currently building ten new homes. They also use volunteers who volunteer through SCKTRO. These new homes are financed by USDA Rural Development Self Help Program.

CBS EARLY SHOW broadcast from Greensburg for the week ending May 3. I hope that you were able to view some of these programs. Greensburg received much attention and free products during this week. President Bush presented the Greensburg High School graduates with their diplomas on May 4. I believe that was a 'first' for high school student in our country.

WEATHER - Recent wind and thunderstorms have brought anxious moments to Greensburg residents as they remember the tornado of a year ago. Twenty-seven families have storm shelters now because of United Way of Wichita funding. Keep the Greensburg families in your prayers as they continue to experience anxious days this spring.

In His Service,

Chuck Jedele, Project/Volunteer Coordinator