



IDW YOUTH EVENT "MESSAGE SENT" HELD AT MISSION CENTRAL!

What a joy to welcome nearly 200 people to Iowa District West's special Youth Event called "Message Sent". The barn was filled with the youth from all over Iowa District West, and they enjoyed the activities of the day! The Christian youth band, "Rough Draft" came from Colorado, and was able to provide the youth with music for the day. Dr. Fungchatou Lo and his family from Indonesia spoke to the entire group on how God has called them to the most Muslim country in the world! Jennifer Mustard from LCMS World Mission office in St. Louis spoke on how many people are doing short term mission trips and enlightened everyone on how these trips should be conducted and what opportunities are available! District Staff members provided insight to Mission Opportunities, and games were available for the youth also. A wonderful meal was provided by the members of the congregation from Peace Lutheran Church in Rock Rapids, Iowa! It was truly a special day, and attached is a picture of some of the folks in the barn.



CRAWFORD COUNTY THRIVENT BOARD COMES WITH PROJECTS FOR MISSION CENTRAL!

Several days ago a wonderful group of volunteers from Crawford County Thrivent Organization came to do three new projects for the facilities at Mission Central. This work day provided a special blessing for some badly needed items for Iowa District West's mission outpost!

Thrivent provided two huge loads of rock for the parking lot and when completed it was exactly the right amount to fill the parking area! Also, some new sidewalk area was needed to accommodate wheelchairs going up



to the fellowship hall and barn. In the photo you can see some of the volunteers spreading out the new concrete for the sidewalk. The final project was the most needed, and that was the removal of the huge step to get into the barn. When old barns were made the cows had to step over the foundation to get into the barn. That was ok for cows, but not for elderly people, and this was such a problem. After cement saws, and jack hammers were done, the step was removed, and the door was lowered to ground level, and the work was complete! Now, no one will have to "encounter" the high step going into the barn! What a special blessing for wheel chairs and older Missionaries! It was truly a special day!



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