

# U.M. ARMY'S SPIRIT WILL SPREAD

For one week, the U.M. ARMY called Commerce home. They deepened their faith and love of God as they worked in teams at 18 sites across our community. They built ramps, steps, and decks... repaired roofs, doors, and commodes... maintained yards... painted 36,000 square feet! As they worked, they also built relationships with the people they served.



One volunteer named Rhonda wrote:

*We met a wonderful woman and her daughter. We know that God has led us to help them through being the best servants that we can be. They saw our joy and we saw theirs! Praise God!*

Rhonda was the leader of a team that built a ramp for Barbara Mauldin. Her granddaughter left the following note for the U.M. ARMY team:

*I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for making it possible for my Memaw to be able to come outside without being scared of falling. You guys are really God sent.*

Mrs. Mauldin, her daughter, and her granddaughters came to the Thursday night dinner and worship hosted by the U.M. ARMY for clients and members of our congregation. She said that she felt like she was coming home and hoped to return to worship.



Community leader Claudia Record was also at the Thursday evening celebration. She too received assistance from the U.M. ARMY. She remarked, "I hope the spirit you brought to Commerce will spread."

That spirit is present. The generosity of this congregation helped contribute to the overall success of the mission week. Thanks go to all who referred clients, baked cookies, made food, gave donations, attended events, gave tours, provided transportation, and

even did laundry. In particular, thank you to Judy and Jenn Anderson for being the spark to get the U.M. ARMY going in Commerce, to Dennis Anderson for sourcing and delivering ice, and to Jane Langford and Laura Milligan for organizing evening dinners. U.M. ARMY camp director Jay Pritchard said that this church set a new bar for hospitality.

We also extend our thanks to Steve Wilson and the City of Commerce for referring people the U.M. ARMY could serve and for providing a dumpster, and to Jorge Juarez for opening the Morrison Recreation Center to the U.M. ARMY volunteers.







# U.M. Army



***Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others.  
Peter 4:10***

