

## May 2023

## Thankful for our partners: past, present, and future

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now," *Philippians 1:3-5 (NIV)* 



Recently, we learned of the passing of two long-time partners, Al Smiens (above left) and Ed Hoksbergen (above right). They were proponents of mission work throughout the world and we were blessed to have them volunteer their services to us. We fondly remember Al leading a group that just "happened" to be here when we had a record cold spell that created a record number of frozen pipes for us.

Through them, God provided the right group at the right time. Ed was also the right person at the right time to oversee the restoration of the 200 window sashes in Lincoln Hall. We will miss their encouragement. They are examples of the many who have given their time and resources in support of our efforts. We are thankful for you and all of our partners.

This past month we were able to host a group from Justice for All, Rock Valley, IA (below left). Tommy and Jason spoke at a mission conference of area churches at Forreston Reformed Church in Illinois (below middle). A photo below also shows repair work on a home in the community being done by a group from the Community Church of Zeeland, MI (below right). These groups and congregations, along with you and many others, make it possible for us to share the love of Christ, one opportunity at a time with those we have been called to serve in Appalachia.

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Please join us in giving thanks for our past and present partners and that God will provide for our future needs through new partners. Contact us, if you are interested in partnering with us through a volunteer work group (in 2024), donating items to our thrift store, or making a financial gift.

Sincerely, Jake Moss Tommy Miracle