

Social Ministry Information

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Ministry: More's Workers

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Ministry Purpose: Provide painting, repair, and renovation services to local non-profit agencies for their client housing. Assist the STM Church with special handyman and renovation services.

Activities: Most of the effort has been directed to Interfaith Community services in Escondido. They have several existing housing complexes that need periodic internal painting. In addition, when ICS acquires a new property, they need help in renovating it. More's Workers have also worked on painting and repair projects at Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center, a housing beautification project in Carlsbad, and repair/renovation projects at STM. Projects are being investigated for Fraternity House and North County Solutions for Change.

Number of Participants: There are about 60 names on the list of volunteers. About 35 of these are currently active. Depending on the skills needed for particular projects, the typical work crew involves 8 to 12 people. Skills of the group include helpers, painters, cabinet installer, plumber, weekend handymen, and skilled handymen.

Challenges: Several people have left the volunteer team as a result of moving, work conflicts, or physical limitations. It will be necessary to continually recruit new volunteers.

Special Needs from Parish: A small amount of money is needed for each project to pay for painting supplies, such as brushes, gloves, roller covers, paper towel, drop cloths, etc. The agencies provide the paint and major construction materials.