

May 31, 2009

# Anahuac Comeback

## Work Trip Dates

Saturday June 20

Saturday, July 18

Saturday, August 15

Saturday, Sept. 12

Saturday, October 17

## A letter from Marcia at Mission Bend:

I wanted to let you know about our May trip to Smith Point. We had 5 volunteers from MBUMC, Margaret and 4 of Margaret's neighbors painting on this trip. We went to the same house/family as last month. The family chose the colors of copper for the ceiling and zingy pink for the walls, a tan for the door. The paint was the new 'green' and did not smell and had a great coverage with one coat. We started painting around 9:30 were able to complete the job around 3:00 PM. Many thanks to Sherwin Williams Mgr. Pat Lacy for donating the paint. Margaret supplied lunch and yummy deserts. Mary was very instrumental with speaking with the family as she is fluent in Spanish. Ben helped with the estimate on how much they will need to complete the siding around the house. Next step is to cost out the material and go from there to help get the house renovations finished.

In April we put up sheet rock (walls and ceiling) and did some tape and floating. When we arrived this time the walls and ceiling were stippled and ready to paint, all of the windows and door installed and a wonderful front porch with curved steps had been added. One of the daughters told me her father had dreamed about how to build the porch. The mother and daughters were planting flowers in the front while we painted. They really were very appreciative of our progress and extremely happy we were there. The family had smiles on their faces all day. Thanks for all of your hard work and all of the prayers for our Mission efforts. -Marcia Lee

### Call to Sign up for June Trip

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Leonard Schwantes, Spring Woods UMC, 281-370-8910, ls\_schwantes@msn.com



Comeback Work Crew May 21 - 9AM at VFD



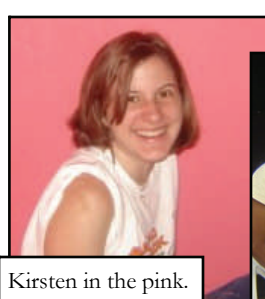
Pretty new entrance to the Rodrigues home



Mary says, "I thought I knew how to do this!"



Marcia, high (on ladder)



Kirsten in the pink.



Our friends, the Rodrigues family



Check out Brandon's Anahuac Comeback T-Shirt (right)

Read about plans for our June trip on the Page 2. Check our web site at [www.ahcomeback.org](http://www.ahcomeback.org)

Anahuac Comeback is a ministry of First United Methodist Church of Rosenberg, TX, Reverend John Black, Senior Pastor, in cooperation with Faith United Methodist Church and St. John's United Methodist Church of Richmond, Christ United Methodist of Sugar Land, Mission Bend UMC, Missouri City UMC, and East Bernard UMC. For more information access our web site [www.ahcomeback.org](http://www.ahcomeback.org) or email Margaret Lawley at molawley@yahoo.com

Anahuac Comeback is funded by individual donations and support from churches. You may donate to a partner church with a note, "hurricane relief?" on your check. Checks to FUMC Hurricane Relief Fund can be sent to Rosenberg UMC, 1106 4th Street, Rosenberg TX 77471. Please no furniture or household goods at this time.

# Anahuac Comeback

## June 20 Work Trip Information

## Free Comeback T-shirts for June Workers

**What do we do?** We are helping with repairs to homes that were damaged in Hurricane Ike. This includes cleaning, putting up sheet rock, painting, carpentry, plumbing, roofing and more. We tackle whatever is needed.

**Who can help?** If you can put a can in a trash bag, or hit a nail with a hammer, or bring a worker a drink of water, you can help. We take old and young, women, men, teens, everyone can help. Some trips have joy teams with games & crafts for residents.

**Where are we going?** We serve communities in Central Chambers County. The county seat is Anahuac - about 1-1/2 hour drive from Houston. The June trip will meet at **Smith Point Volunteer Fire Dept.** Take I-10 East to TX Hwy 61 and go south thirty miles. In Smith Point, turn left on Plummer Camp Road. This is 1/2 hour beyond Anahuac.

**What should I bring?** Wear comfortable work clothes and shoes. You'll need work gloves, a hat, sunscreen and bug spray. Bring drinking water, snacks, and a sack lunch. Check web site [acomeback.org](http://acomeback.org) before the trip more details. We can always use another pick-up truck to haul tools, donations and materials on work days.

**When do we start?** Meet at the work site at 9 am. If you're late call one of the contacts for the trip - see page 1.

**How do I get there?** Some people drive their own vehicles, others join carpools that meet at partner churches. Church vans may be used. Let your sign-up contact know if you need a ride or if you can offer a ride to other volunteers.

**When do we go home?** Quitting time varies. We leave when we are finished with the assignment, when we are too tired to lift our arms, or when it gets dark. It's ok if you have to leave early.

**What do we eat?** Bring your own snacks and drinks. No lunch will be served for the June trip, so bring a sack lunch.

**Is there easier work I can do?** Call Margaret Lawley to find out about Joy Team activities and volunteer your time to help in this important part of our ministry. (281-342-9651 [molawley@yahoo.com](mailto:molawley@yahoo.com))

**How do I sign up?** Call or email one of the contacts on page 1. See you there!!

**Meet Jennifer Anderson** - we couldn't do our work in Smith Point without her help. Jennifer finds jobs for our teams and helps plan for materials to be there when we arrive. She and her husband Fred lost their house to Ike and are living in a FEMA trailer now and are helping with recovery full time. If you want to learn more about recovery needs, talk to Jennifer:: [jjnanderson@yahoo.com](mailto:jjnanderson@yahoo.com) 409-355-2409



**Victory Trucking** to the Rescue, one more time. A HUGE thank you to our friends at Victory for taking all the donated furniture we collected last month to help Tobias get settled in his new home in Smith Point. Thanks also to everyone who donated furniture and household goods to this cause. Tobias was able to share with his neighbors as we sent 4 couches, 3 recliners, tables, chairs, small appliances, linens, lamps, dishes, shelves and decorations!

New volunteers are always welcome. In June we are happy to have volunteers from Christ Church in Sugar Land, Missouri City UMC, and Spring Woods UMC join the "regulars". One of the blessings of coming on a trip is meeting all the other volunteers and working side by side building friendships. Anahuac Comeback plans a trip every month. It's never too late to come along!

Help Smith Point CHILL OUT!! Anahuac Comeback wants to send new refrigerators to the families in Smith Point that really need them. If each Partner church contributes the cost of just one fridge, we can help 7 families in this way. The floods of Ike really damaged appliances. Most of the refrigerators are only half working - the top half, because the bottoms were ruined. If you have contacts who can give us a good price (and delivery) on new refrigerators, please call Margaret Lawley.