Mission Grant Report Form



Iowa District West

Grant recipients are asked to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort or, if a continuing ministry, by January 31 of the following year in which the grant is received. Please submit any pictures, as well, that would help to share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their ministry.

1. Please provide a brief overview of the effort.

The Northwest/Spencer Circuit L.E.R.T. group has been looking for a trailer (new or used) to travel to disaster sites. Our mission is to "help in times of need" with a fully equipped trailer and a dedicated team of volunteers.

- 2. What goals were established for this effort; that is, what did you hope to accomplish? The cost of a new trailer required \$4000 \$6000. Our LERT team wanted to spread the word about our needs among the circuit churches in the Northwest and Spencer areas. We decided to send fliers for church bulletins and posters by email to keep the LERT mission in everyones mind during this storm season.
- 3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?

Yes, we have been blessed with information on a used trailer for sale. It was the result of someone seeing our bulletin insert from the Rock Rapids area where devastation occurred from the flood waters. We are now owners of a very nice used trailer without spending the higher price of a new one.

- 4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again? We established a core group to meet (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) along with a few others who could join our meetings. We did not meet on a regular basis and not as often as we should. Our progress was delayed for too long, so meeting once a month until you are established would be a suggestion.
- 5. What lessons were learned through this effort? Prayer and faith is key to success.
- 6. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?

 Don't give up meet regularly with a committed group of volunteers and keep the mission in front of your congregations. Have LERT training with Ellie Menz.

7. Contact person

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