

## **2016 Report from Carlsbad Mennonite Church, Carlsbad, NM**

Carlsbad Mennonite Church has had the privilege and opportunity to be involved in several local ministries this year.

Harvesting and shelling pecans for the MCC Relief Sale in Rocky Ford, CO. is an on-going church project in January and February each year with our SOOPers' help.

In January, Sheriff Scott London made us aware of the need for renovations and painting in a building the city had accessed to be used as a Child Advocacy Center. Several SOOPers filled this need, which was much appreciated by the advocacy board.

For some time Char Smith has been serving on the board for the community's Transitional Housing and Homeless Shelter. The recently completed Homeless Shelter, which has 8 rooms with 4 beds each and 2 bathrooms, was dedicated along with an Open House on June 17, 2016. Our church has also contributed funds toward this ministry as well as volunteer help painting in some of the 5 transitional houses.

Char's husband, Mike, has also been involved with MDS and its work.

A number of persons from our church helped with VBS, June 13-16 at Grace Episcopal Church, where 5 churches worked together to offer classes for ages 3 through Grade 5. We rotate the hosting of VBS yearly among the 5 churches.

Some individuals volunteer at the CARC farm bargain store, Living Desert, and Literacy Center year round.

July 15 - 17 our church will be holding our 50th Anniversary celebration!

We desire to be faithful stewards as God leads us in His service.

- Ellen Good