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WORLD CHANGERS PRESENTED CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

On July 31, 2008, Randy Griffith, Director of Single Family Housing for USDA Rural Development presented World Changers with a Certificate of Appreciation for their dedication and commitment to this program. During the week long stay in the City of Hannibal, 237 participants completed the labor for the repairs on 23 projects. Rural Development is proud to announce that 17 of those homes were financed with federal loans and/or grants. In addition to the single family dwelling, World Changers will also assist in providing new roofs for the Hannibal Nutrition Center and the newly built Habitat for Humanity home.



"I am proud of the partnership between Rural Development, the City of Hannibal and World Changers that will enable these important repairs to be made," said Griffith.

World Changers, a Southern Baptist Organization, put together by the North American Mission Board, travels to multiple locations nationwide providing the labor for repairs with agencies like Rural Development, NECAC and local lending institutions providing funds for the materials. The youth are being housed at Hannibal LaGrange College and have been adopted by local churches, which are providing lunches, during their week long stay. The groups were assigned individual homes for specific repair work to be completed. Some of the items that will be completed on the homes are: new roofs, siding, paint, handicap accessibility and weatherization. On Wednesday afternoon the youth took a break from the hard work they are doing to enjoy the sights of Hannibal.

"I want to commend the World Changers for giving their time to help the USDA's home repair program in Hannibal," said U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill. "It's partnerships like these that benefit our rural communities and I want to encourage all Missourians to volunteer their time helping one another and giving back to their community."

"I am pleased to again welcome to the region World Changers and the assistance they will provide to homeowners in Hannibal," said U.S. Congressman Kenny Hulshof. "I appreciate the chance to partner with USDA Rural Development and World Changers as they help low-income homeowners complete valuable and necessary repairs to their homes. This is yet another example of our tax dollars being brought back to improve our local communities."

Rural Development is proud to be a part of history in Hannibal along with World Changers and hope the partnership continues.

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