

Our lives continue to be busy as God calls us to step out in ministry in new ways. Travels continue and we cherish the times in between when we can rest at home.

Trips this year included a long weekend in Lake Arrowhead with Sharon's mom, brothers and sister. We reminisced and got to see the former dance pavilion where Dad had played in a jazz band when he was a teenager. The best weekend ever! In July we also went with extended family to Kernville, where the river was full to overflowing!

We went to Disability Awareness Weekend in Calexico (which included not a car wash but a wheelchair wash!) and the annual meeting of the DisAbility Ministries Committee in Atlanta. After the meeting in Atlanta we spent a couple of days with our friends Anna and David Camphouse in Auburn, Alabama. They have a beautiful home overlooking a greenbelt with a pond!

Sharon had an incredible trip—almost two weeks in the Philippines included visiting political prisoners, spending 5 days at the Community Technical College of Southeastern Mindanao (preschool-college), and learning about all the justice work being done there. At the very end of the trip, a meeting with three Women's Board members produced preliminary plans for a disability conference next summer, so Sharon already has plans to return to this beautiful country whose people struggle and suffer far too much.

DisAbility Ministries work keeps Sharon very busy. Some of the highlights have been presenting workshops at the Western Jurisdiction Disaster Preparation Academy and co-presenting a workshop on the new statement from the Ecumenical Disability Advocacy Network (EDAN/WCC) at the Summer Institute on Disability and Theology. She has also been a guest preacher a handful of times and assisted in a Sunday School teacher training.

Both of us made our annual mission trip, this time to New Jersey for Superstorm Sandy Rebuild. It was the first time we built stairs and we had a great time! The house had been

raised to prevent future flooding. We added sturdy railings to the back stairs and finished the front stairs. The best reward was when the family got to come down the stairs out the front door of their house for the first time in five years!

Dale continues to drive us both to many events and functions as well as providing tech support for Sharon whenever needed. He is still a soloist in the church choir and serves on the church Board of Trustees. He enjoys retirement and the freedom it gives him to travel and follow his own interests.

May you always feel God's presence with you and know that love surrounds you!

Merry Christmas!

Dale and Sharon McCart



The Philippines





Former Dance Pavilion at Lake Arrowhead



Kernville and Kern River



DisAbility Ministries Committee of The United Methodist Church



Philadelphia ---art and history



Mission Trip to New Jersey