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Making a Difference — PFS Employee Shares Knowledge of High Wind Roofing Requirements with Relief Team

Milt Stoltzfus, Area Training Supervisor in the PFS Northeast Regional Office in Bloomsburg, PA, spent his vacation in January working for the relief effort in Pascagoula, MS. *Pictured at right are team members from Pennsylvania and Missouri repairing the roof of a damaged home.*

“I had to exert my independent inspector status when it came to installing roof shingles,” Milt told Encore. “Other team members had never heard of “high wind” fastening requirements. After sharing my knowledge and experience with the team leader, he saw to it that roofs we worked on were installed with the necessary number and correct placement of fasteners.”



Milt and his friend, Bob, joined an 11-member team from Lancaster, PA, to work for a non-profit organization called Forward Edge International (FEI). The team included high school students. Together with teams from St. Louis, MO, Seattle, WA and a group of college students from Brockport, NY, they provided:

- Roof repair of four homes,
- Interior drywall and finishing including painting and installing trim and doors, and
- Extensive repairs at a church that was used as a shelter location during the hurricane.

Obtaining materials to do the repairs was a challenge. Individuals assigned to acquire the needed materials faced empty shelves and parking lots that looked like gridlock traffic at rush hour. Trash removal was a never-ending task.



Team members taking a break (L to R) are: Arlen (a dairy farmer), Dave (high school student), Derrick (high school student) all from Pennsylvania, and Bill (a retired fireman) from Missouri.

Although the Lancaster team had committed to work the week of January 8-14, Milt and his friend, Bob, stayed on an extra week and spent the entire week installing carpet.

On leaving the disaster area Milt told Encore he questioned: *Did we really do something to help given the size of the work to be done?* Then he settled on the more positive idea — *We came to serve.*

And they made a difference.

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Milt Stoltzfus' wife, Wanda, and her friend, Cheryl, went to New Orleans in September to work for a group called Christ in Action. They served food to whoever needed it, often going out into neighborhoods to give out food and clothing and to offer their help wherever it was needed.

Arriving in the Gulf region four and one-half months after the date of the hurricane, Milt said, "I don't think we can begin to imagine what it was like during the event or the hours and days afterwards." You're right, Milt. Even watching news reports, those of us who didn't experience Hurricane Katrina first hand can't begin to imagine it.

Thank you to Milt and Wanda, Bob and Cheryl, and the many, many people who served. They all made a difference.



Photos of destruction still visible in January were taken by Milt Stoltzfus.

Forward Edge International (FEI) information can be viewed at www.forwardedge.org.

Details of upcoming seminars appear on the following page.

Upcoming Seminars

PFS Seminar No. 74 for Inspectors, Trainees and Maintenance of In-Plant Inspectors, will be held Thursday and Friday, April 27 & 28, 2006, at Kalahari Resort & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Timely topics will be presented, such as:
Exterior Wall Bracing in Accordance with the International Residential Code 2003 — by Doug Oomens, Simpson Strong-Tie, Columbus, OH



Shearwall Requirements for High Wind Areas per Wood Frame Construction Manual — Greg Bundy, PE, Simpson Strong-Tie, Columbus, OH

Plumbing Designs In-Plant, DWV Sizing, Wet Vents, Fittings and Vent Termination — Don Surrena, International Code Consultants, Warrendale, PA, and

Wisconsin Energy Star Requirements — Dave Kinyon, Wisconsin Energy Star Homes, Madison, WI.

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Adobe® Acrobat® PDF Conference 2006 will be held on May 17 & 18, 2006 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando, FL.

Dennis Newman, General Manager of IT Services at PFS will speak on **“PDF in Engineering: Standards and Regulatory Hurdles.”** He will lead a discussion on the status of the ISO standard for using PDF in engineering drawings, including an overview of the standard and its relevance to engineering workflow. The session will include tips, shortcuts, and best practices for using Acrobat in the engineering workflow while keeping the PDF/E and PDF/A standards in mind.

The use of digital signatures for submission of engineering documents to regulatory agencies, and instructions on how to create custom engineering PDF stamps will be discussed. Participants will learn about the ongoing effort to gain regulatory agency acceptance of electronically created engineering seals and digital signatures.

The website for the conference is: www.pdf2006.com. Registration information, short bios of speakers and the schedule of sessions are available on the website.

Encore congratulates R. K. Varma on his recent retirement from the Commonwealth of PA, DCED.

“Our industry has long recognized RK for his determination for quality housing in the modular industry, and his dedication to serving the citizens of Pennsylvania,” says Jim Rothman, PE, PFS Executive Vice President and Sr. VP of Quality Control. “We wish RK good luck in his new endeavors and a pleasant retirement.”

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