

MATE MATTERS – DECEMBER 2013

MATE – North Parish Housing Ministry – We’ve grown!



For many who made the trip to Maine this year, they thought they were seeing double – two trucks!?! Yes ... sort of ... The new “Operations Manager” – Ken White – purchased a used 1996 pickup, and we got an additional MATE magnetic logo for the doors. His son, Kevin, drove the MATE 2002 pickup truck as the “logistics manager” for NPHM. It was a busy summer – as most of them tend to be.

68 families in 15 different towns in and around Farmington and New Portland Maine were recipients of housing repair assistance. We did some major jobs as part of a busy



summer that had 341 volunteers “from away” from 14 churches. To the left is a disability ramp that is ~ 40’ long to provide easier access for the elderly lady struggling to



‘stay in her home.’ To the right above is a vinyl

siding job that should provide good wind protection during the cold winter months ahead for the family with a special needs child. Probably our largest job was putting a roof over



a mobile home and an addition to it for a single mom and her three children. It should prevent the constant flow of water she has experienced over the past few years from the poor construction of the addition.

Putting the year in perspective, 32% of the projects were roof repairs – from minor to major as shown here. 18% were window repairs/replacement; and 16% were for ramps and/or deck repairs.

Planning for 2014 is already underway, with more than two dozen applications in hand. As always, MATE-NPHM is thankful to the visiting work teams whose time, skills and especially their financial support, make all of this possible. If you have any questions, please visit the MATE website – www.missionattheeastward.org – and click on the link to the housing ministry. You can also call us at 207-713-MATE (6283).