

**Mennonite Disaster Service Kansas Unit**  
**Cleo Koop, WDC Representative**

The Kansas MDS Unit has responded to a number of smaller disasters around the state. The largest response this past year was the Eureka Kansas tornado, completed in the spring of 2020. Eureka Kansas experienced tornados in 2016 and in 2018. The Kansas MDS Unit responded with some initial clean up but the main focus of the project was reroofing houses, repairing structural damage and some interior repair work.

The Kansas MDS Unit has a warehouse located on Main Street in Hesston. The building was constructed in the early 1990s. During the past year volunteers have refurbished the warehouse, installing new doors, upgrading the conference room and building storage racks. The building serves as the storage for tools, trailers, and vehicles. The Unit currently has two pickup trucks, two vans and a tool trailer. Volunteer groups serving at MDS sponsored projects are encouraged to use these vehicles for transportation to MDS projects. Volunteer groups only need to pay for the gas for their trip.

In January 2020 the Kansas Unit hosted two fund raising events. Ted & Co. Theater Works presented Boots, Buckets and Barrels at Hesston College and South Hutch Mennonite church. The event raised over \$17,000 after expenses. The event funded the completion of the Eureka Kansas tornado project, partial funding of the purchase of a new pickup truck and funding of a scholarship for one Kansas student enrolled in the Disaster Management Program at Hesston College.

The Kansas MDS Unit will be hosting the annual MDS Region 3 meeting at Hesston College on November 13 & 14. Region 3 covers 15 states in the central states region. The event is a time to celebrate and report on the events happening in Region 3 during the past year.

The Kansas MDS Unit thanks all the willing volunteers who have served on MDS projects during the past years. Your involvement is vital to the mission and ministry! Thanks you very much for your support!