

~~Extreme~~ Modest Home Makeover

This is a story about a community and the people who are a part of it. It could describe many communities across the United States yet, coincidentally, some of the key members of this community are also affiliated with Team RFC®

Rick Hallfrisch is referred to as "our chaplain" by the community at **Proctor Speedway** in Duluth, MN. Rick has been an RFC chaplain for more than three years.

Rick was diagnosed with cancer when he was fifteen years old. Over the past thirty-nine years he has had four different types of cancer, some multiple times, and over twenty cancer related surgeries. He also has had surgery to rebuild his heart due to extensive damage caused by chemotherapy.

He has been unable to work since his heart surgery, but he never stops serving people in any way he can. Besides being a chaplain with **Racers For Christ**®, he also mentors men through **Minnesota Teen Challenge** and through a local prison ministry. Rick and his wife, Brenda, have a Wednesday night ministry called Kids Club where they feed needy kids and do Bible classes with them. They also open their home every Monday night...offering a meal and ministry to anyone in need.

Rick and Brenda live in a small, old house that offers just over six hundred square feet of living space. The house is plagued with problems with its foundation, electrical, and plumbing that are beyond repair. It has now taken on mold. Rick, having only one lung remaining, cannot stay in the house any longer.

A cross-section of people in the Duluth area, including the local Team RFC® racing ministry, have put together an organization called **Modest Home Makeover** for the purpose of knocking down Rick and Brenda's old house and building them a functional, yet modest, new house. There are multiple fund raisers taking place to pay for this project.

One of those fund raisers is "**Give \$One For Reverend Rick**" night to be held at the Proctor Speedway on Sunday, June 13. The idea is simple; contribute one dollar to help build the new house for Rick and Brenda. If thousands of people would be willing to give one dollar to help with this project, it will go a long way in helping to cover the costs.

The MHM committee wishes to encourage fellow racers and chaplains to take part in the "**Give \$One For Reverend Rick**" night by mailing a dollar donation to coincide with the Proctor Speedway event in June? If someone would like to write a check to MHM (Modest Home Makeover) for a larger amount it will be tax deductible. Donations may be sent to:

Modest Home Makeover
P.O. Box 161401
Duluth, MN. 55816

Or donate online at <http://mhm.bbnow.org/donate.php>

Please pray that this whole project will go ahead without a hitch. The greater Duluth community is watching and desire is for it to be a witness as to how people can care for other people. There are over thirty contractors involved who are donating their labor at different stages of construction. Also, several suppliers are donating material and there are others who are providing items at cost.

The mayor of Duluth spoke at the press conference to show his support, and the city fire department is going to burn down the old house as a training session for students at Lake Superior College. There is also a desire to reach out to Duluth by having a blood and food drive on the day of the house burning. Since Rick and Brenda have a ministry of feeding people, and Rick has used so much blood through the years with his illnesses, it seems to be a good way to encourage people to think about others.

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