

Wednesday April 18th

Wrapping up at 7:00 tonight, we were trying to fill the big hole in the floor you saw last night. Two full days and we still have a few items to punch before we can go to the next work site.





The last hole to fill



The hole is filled

Our next job involves plumbing a shower that earlier volunteers left undone. It is an interesting problem, and we can't even describe the issues until we get the wall opened up. More on this tomorrow. The nice little tile job will have to wait another day.

We are rather impressed with Joplin, mainly because of the dozen or so old cars we have seen driving around. The Jopliners are showing some of the old mid-west resilience. The community appears to be thriving except for the very large portion of the city still trying to dig out. Traffic in the morning is heavy and businesses, restaurants and bars appear to be doing well. Everyone is trying to help the volunteers. The Fairfield Inn comped a room for free for our first night's lodging, and the Holiday Inn is housing us for the rest of the week for a very reduced rate. We feel very much appreciated. Some folks do pause momentarily when we say we are working for Catholic Charities while wearing our blue Presbyterian tee shirts.