Spring Break Service Projects

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It’s spring break on the hill and WKU students are spread out all over the country to take advantage of their week off.

But not all of them are using the time to rest and recharge as Amy Bingham explains in this week’s View from the Hill.

Florida, South Carolina, even Guatamala. Dozens of WKU students are taking part in service projects during their time away. They say there’s no place they would rather be.

 “Being a meteorology major, when I heard Hurricane I immediately thought oh we have to do that.”

The sunshine state received a one two punch from mother nature.

“The Florida area was impacted last year by two different hurricanes, Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Hermine.”

That’s why some WKU spring breakers are there lending a hand.

 “We are in Tampa Florida and we are with the Wesley Foundation out of WKU and we are with some people from Eastern Kentucky University with their Wesley group.”

A total of 24 people from the two universities are working --and worshipping together.

“We do all of our meals together, we have worship together every night, we prep our breakfast together.”

Meanwhile in South Carolina,

WKU’s Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter has a group finishing a house so a partner family can move in.

 “This week we are working on a house for a family with two disabled kids.”

Since 2003 more than 850 WKU students have worked in more than 90 locations as part of Habitat’s Collegiate Challenge program.

“It’s really rewarding to know I’m doing something with my time that’s making someone else happy.”

They all say there’s no other way they would rather spend their break.

 “I just love getting to come and help people that may be able to help themselves in some ways but not in others.

“Feels real good for me to help them and get that real weather, real impact experience.”

There are a number of ways students can find to serve at WKU. Many say it plays a major part in their WKU experience.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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