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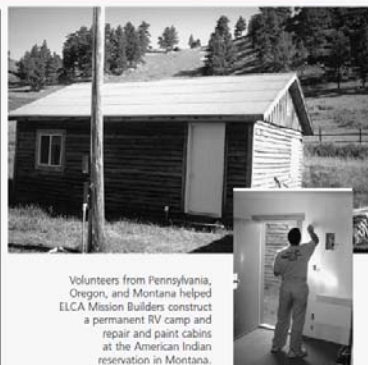
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Marlene listens to concerns, shares experiences and leads project support efforts. She also participates in Bible studies, and helps the congregation with office tasks, vacation Bible school, and Women of the ELCA projects.

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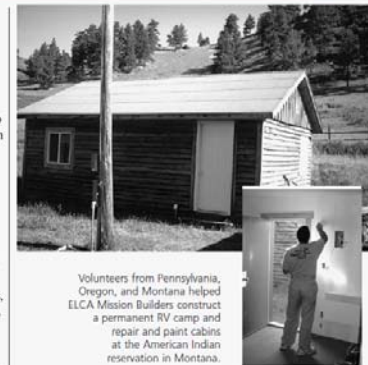
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