In the fall of 2018, a group of practice managers decided to lend a hand for the new Mercy Lamar clinic. Mercy were asked to take over the clinic when the physician in the community wanted to leave the practice. We initiated a search for a physician who may want to take over for this community. It didn’t take long to find a doctor--and that person happened to be from Lamar and wanted to get back to family medicine.

Buckets of paint arrived, and the primary care managers decided hosted a work day to refurbish the clinic. They upgraded the lobby area, the front walk way, three exam rooms, and repainted the physician’s office. Equipment, such as a refrigerator, EKG, exam tables, and chairs, were donated from other communities and clinics to help with the upgrade.

The Lamar practice manager and other clinic leaders came back over the weekend to finish up the trim, clean windows, and shampoo the carpets. In the end, the flow of the clinic was adjusted to make it more convenient for visitors.

Leaders were even able to include a formation exercise at lunch to discuss what it meant for them to volunteer for Mercy and the community. They also discussed the importance of growing the ministry and fulfilling the mission of Mercy.