



# ROAM *Chronicles*

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## Kile's Korner

Good morning on this beautiful Spring day. The sun is shining and it is finally warming up in the north country. Whether the sun is shining or it's an overcast day, praise the Lord the SON is shining in our lives.

Take time to read Luke 19:28-38 in your spare time. We are all familiar with this passage during the Holy Week when Jesus tells His disciples to go get Him a donkey to ride. He said, Tell them that The Lord needs it. With that as a springboard, I would like to share some thoughts for your journey.

The world is filled with unknown people who make great contributions... you can too. You may be thinking, I'm nobody and God couldn't use me. It's exciting to see the Holy Spirit take us and what we have and make it more than enough. I've heard several hosts say, "It is amazing how God provides just the right talent and people to accomplish the task." Yes, God can use you, in fact:

- The Bible has many stories of God using ordinary and unknown people to participate in the most unusual and extraordinary ways for the glory of God.
- God has a plan for you. Jesus can use you if you will give of yourself and what you have into His service, for the glory of God. If God can use a donkey from an unknown owner to deliver the Savior...He can use you! God would like to be glorified through you and all that you have!

Pray the prayer before you go out to serve, "Here I am Lord, you can have me and all that I own for your use." God Bless you, and enjoy these golden years in his service.

Ed

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## Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center

by Ron and Lisa Haley

What an adventure we had. I was a little concerned with the number of volunteers we had for the two months that there would not be enough work to keep us all busy. Trust me, there was plenty of work to do. We had ROAMers, SOWERS, and others all working together for the Kingdom of God.

Each work day we started with devotions, prayer, and singing...and then off to work we go. Main construction projects were the beach house, the office addition and new roof (both had been affected by the hurricane), a new pavilion made for the water slide area, and rebuilding Tiki huts that look really sharp on the grounds. A lot of electrical was accomplished too, as the camp is transitioning to LED lighting. This will save a lot in energy costs. Ron was part of the demo and construction crew, and I had the privilege to work with the office ladies for most of my time there. With many groups coming and going there is a lot of housekeeping and cooking that needs to be done...so many happy helpers worked in laundry and kitchen.

There is so much more I could share...but the thing that awes me the most about ROAM is that we all just want to use our talents, whatever they may be, for God's glory and Kingdom. We all come from different backgrounds, some with greater skills than others, but we are all being obedient to God's call to go forth in this ministry, wherever those doors are opened for us. We are grateful, honored, and blessed to be able to serve.

Until next time...



**Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center Volunteers**

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## Meet Todd and Janice Gow

Todd and Janice Gow are new ROAM members from Detroit Lakes, MN, with a heart for missions. The Gows attend the Community Alliance Church and learned about the ROAM organization after searching the internet for Christian organizations looking for volunteers to help with construction projects. They own their own handyman business which allows them the flexibility to take part in these projects as well as use their skills. Their first ROAM project was at the New Beginnings church in Casa Grande, AZ, this February. Ruth Kile, who worked with them at New Beginnings, says, "They are awesome people with a real work ethic." Todd and Janice report that their first experience with ROAM was awesome and they look forward to seeing which ROAM project God will lead them to next.



## Winter 2018 Projects Report

by Ed and Ruth Kile

A lot was accomplished during the winter of 2018. We served at New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene in Casa Grande, AZ, with Floyd and Maryanne Davis, Gordon and Naomi Miller, and Todd and Janice Gow. Daryl and Mary Weatherford are now permanent residents there, and were our project coordinators.



In January, we expanded the church platform by 5 feet, expanded the sound booth by four feet, and painted the pastor's new office and adjoining conference room. In February, we laid tile in three rooms, painted the welcome center and sanctuary, and participated in the Manna food distribution. New Beginnings Church is a beautiful blend of cultures and has an impressive ministry to the community. It was a pleasure to serve alongside these awesome people.

On a day off, we drove to Phoenix and visited the project at Marysville Church of the Nazarene where ROAMers Merl and Diana Elder were serving with much heart for the ministry there.

In March, we moved on to Bonita Park, New Mexico, where we worked with Bruce and Frances Hoffman (*photo on right*). Our main project was remodeling the serving lines in the dining hall. We stripped old wallpaper border, mudded, sanded, and painted. Another project was molding the cement borders on the putt-putt golf course. We were treated so generously by the awesome staff and local volunteers. Another wonderful experience!



During our time off, we visited the Grand Canyon, Sedona, Tombstone, Goldfield Ghost Town, White Sands, and many other national parks and places of interest.

On our way back to Michigan, we camped one night at Salyer Lake, OK, another of our ROAM projects. Ken Hembree, the camp director, gave us a royal welcome and a tour of the campground. What a vision he has for his camp! Volunteers are needed to help realize those dreams. God has a plan!

Everywhere we go we are blessed to find God already at work, and to form new friendships that will last forever. Another great winter of ROAMing!

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### New ROAM Members

Alan and Glenda Miner—Lowell, AR  
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