



# ROAM *Chronicles*

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## Kile's Korner

I know that as we ROAMers travel, the primary goal is to be a blessing to the camp, school, or church where we are serving. This is done in several different ways – our labor, our prayer support, our interaction with the staff and guests at the project. It makes me think of the hymn, “Make Me A Blessing.” Here are the words:

Out in the highways and byways of life, many are weary and sad.  
 Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife, making the sorrowing glad.

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love; tell of His power to forgive.  
 Others will trust Him if only you prove true every moment you live.

Give as 'twas given to you in your need; love as the Master loved you.  
 Be to the helpless a helper indeed; unto your mission be true.

Make me a blessing, make me a blessing. Out of my life may Jesus shine.  
 Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray. Make me a blessing to someone today.

(Ira B. Wilson/George S. Schuler)

I know that we all aim to serve the Lord and bless others with our service.  
 May we always keep the sweet spirit of Christ in all we do.

Go be a blessing!

Ed

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## **Golden Bell Campground and Conference Center**

*Dale and Judy Foster*

Regardless of where you live in the U.S., it's likely you had a blistering hot summer! Kansas is no exception, so for the past seven summers we've escaped to the beautiful and cool Rocky Mountains of Colorado.

Golden Bell Campground and Conference Center is located about 30 miles up the mountain from Colorado Springs with a daily view of the back of "America's Mountain," Pikes Peak. In spite of the view, a hard working group of volunteers still managed to get a lot of work done and have fun at the same time.

Don't ever think you don't have a skill that can be used! I (Judy) did laundry and what woman isn't skilled in that task! Dale has a CDL license and drove the camp bus for trips, which is a huge need and does require a special skill. He spent the rest of his time on fire mitigation – a job which will never be finished because there will always be dead trees and brush needing to be cleared. Other volunteers spruced up the grounds by painting picnic tables and structures with the signature camp colors and general maintenance. Several ladies helped out in the gift shop or snack shack while some of the men (with special skills) operated heavy equipment or did mechanical maintenance work. There was a job for everybody and during down time we enjoyed sweet Christian fellowship over meals, potlucks, a Sonic shake run, etc. We even treated ourselves to an evening out with the whole group going out for dinner and attending a local community theater.

It was a good mix of work, fellowship and fun and I believe we would all agree the campground was in better shape when we left than when we arrived. What more could you ask for at summer's end?

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## **Golden Bell Campground and Conference Center**

*Gary and Marielos Kurtz*

Our work at Golden Bell this summer included RV hosting, painting picnic tables, fences, cabins and trash can holders, installing WiFi in the RV Park, trimming trees, helping in the Snack Shack, and installing 50+ signs in the RV Park.

We loved the location and views this camp has to offer. Other highlights were the Sunday night chapel services, testimonies and stories about lives changed, our gatherings and potlucks, and working with Charlotte, the camp volunteer supervisor. We will definitely be going back!

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## **Salyer Lake**

*Alan and Glenda Miner*

We worked at Salyer Lake in Oklahoma this spring and really enjoyed our experience. Dan and Trecia Church were wonderful mentors for us as it was our first ROAM experience. Looking forward to serving again..

## Salyer Lake

*Bill and Kathy Mark*



Bill and Kathy were quite busy in June at Salyer Lake. Bill and a group of volunteers completed over 50 bunk beds which included sanding, clear coating, and assembling them in order for the dorm to be ready for guests by mid-July.

Kathy and other volunteers worked on cleaning the new dorm. The rat snake that previously inhabited the dorm was, of course, relocated.

Thankfully all was set for the guests. God is so good! Life is exciting here and Bill enjoys the fishing while Kathy enjoys the flowers and relaxing! Salyer Lake is a great place to visit. Much is happening here!

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## What Camp Managers are saying about ROAMers

Charlotte from Golden Bell says:

- Gary and Marielos Kurtz are very hard workers and achieved so much for us.
- Ron and Carol Kennedy have such sweet and generous natures and were so helpful.

Chuck and Brenda Hail of Higher Ground Camp say:

- The Levengoods are a wonderful couple and we look forward to having them again!
- We've been blessed with several ROAM volunteers this summer (as well as May) and they have all been great!

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## New ROAM Members

### Welcome to ROAM!

Rollin and Peggy Buffington (Porterville, CA)

Linda Burns (Breeding, KY)

Philip and Rowena Farley (Carthage, MO)

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## New ROAM Project

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