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Kile's Corner

Greetings to all my friends who share this exciting adventure through the ministry of ROAM. I would like to share an illustration that our pastor from Lake Placid Church of the Nazarene, Tim Taylor, shared on Facebook. He borrowed it from someone else, however we don't know the origin to give someone credit.

"Did you know that the Chinese Bamboo Tree doesn't grow at all above the surface for the first year? Or the second? Or even the third, and the fourth? The gardener must maintain the soil all those years despite not seeing any result. Yet, in the fifth year – if the gardener has been faithful and the conditions are right for growth – the Chinese Bamboo Tree grows an astonishing 80 feet in only six weeks. (Borrowed)

When it's time for God to move in your life – it doesn't take long. But you must keep tending to your own soil and soul as you wait on Him to work out all He is doing on your detours."

This illustration struck a chord in me this morning. There are many times we go to our projects and work diligently, putting in a lot of hours, lots of sweat, and even tears and prayer and we don't know the final results of our efforts. However, sometimes we're able to watch groups of teenagers or adults come in and we see lives being changed. That is worth it all.

This year has really changed the way we go about our business, choose our projects that we want to work on, and basically just carry on our ordinary lives. We have to wear our facemask, have to wear protective clothing at times, and just be careful. I don't want anyone to be scared away from working at our projects, I just encourage you to use common sense, which I know you will, and maintain your distance. If you're sick, stay in your RV.

Be safe wherever you are. Just remember that I, along with all the others in our organization, are praying for you. Have fun, be safe, and don't forget to wash your hands. God bless you. –Ed

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Indian Lake

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Covid-19 shut down the summer camps at Indian Lake Nazarene Campground in Vicksburg, Michigan, but there is still a lot for ROAM volunteers to do to help the camp. We have done painting inside and out, cleaning, pressure washing, carpet shampooing, cut the grass, etc. - using what is available and applying a lot of "elbow grease."

During this Covid summer, that has changed the way summer normally is, the work to update and improve the camp still continues, so when groups are able to come, the ministry for Jesus through this camp can continue to touch lives of all ages.



Mission Meadows

Tim and Sherry French

Tim and I completed our first ROAM project at Mission Meadows Camp on Lake Chautauqua, in western NY. It is a beautiful location with wonderful facilities and a variety of work that can be done. The camp is closed and workers are furloughed for this year, but that makes it very convenient to volunteer there and to social distance! Tim and I were the only ones there, although we had some support from the furloughed maintenance director whenever we needed it.

Our main project was to set up 4 RV sites with full hookups. This will enable workers to easily come with their RVs and to distance themselves if others are there at the same time.

Besides installing the RV Hookups (water, septic and electric), we worked in flower gardens, painted outside walls and doors of cabins, pressure washed the floor of the pool building, cleaned and painted the hot tub, and some other miscellaneous tasks. We were given a list of tasks and their priorities, but we could determine what we wanted to work on and when. They were really accommodating, and all our work was very appreciated. Their goal was to make it easy for others to come volunteer, and to improve "curb appeal" so when the camp opens again it will encourage people to come where they can grow closer to Christ.

Picture shows Tim working on the electrical hookups for the RV sites. The 4 RV hookups are in front of a dorm building where there are lots of bunk beds and beautiful showers and bathroom facilities.



New Members

The Mize-Delbridge Family – Richmond Hill, GA
(Grandpa Lee, Mom Corinna, and sons Douglas and Andy)

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