



ROAM Newsletter

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Miner Matters



This is my first time to write to you as your interim President since Merl Elder stepped down to focus on his health. My sweet wife, Glenda, is serving as our interim ROAM Board Secretary, as well. We will be serving you, as God leads us, until such time as elections are held this September to elect new Board Officers that will start their one-year terms in January 2024.

With that in mind, I want to inform you that we need to fill **five** positions on the board to cover all the 8 Nazarene Educational Regions plus the President position. Therefore, we need all of you to consider nominating yourself or someone else you think would be a good candidate for these positions.

We need these nominations as soon as possible so they can be added to the ballot for August. Our organization cannot function without those who are willing to serve on the Board. If you have questions regarding the qualifications and/or duties of Board Members, please email me, gminer053@gmail.com or Debbie Bennett, ROAM Office Manager, office@rvsonamission.org.

We want to thank all of you who have volunteered to serve the Lord and to serve others through our organization by donating your time, expertise, and labor. The project hosts that we serve at camps, schools, churches, and other locations appreciate all you do, and they realize that the work you do as volunteers helps to make it financially possible for them to serve others. Just think of the number of people who have come to know Christ as their Savior through the camping ministries, churches, and Christian schools that we serve. These kinds of rewards are eternal. Jesus taught us to be servants by His great example and to “lay up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt.” You are doing that. *(continued on page 2)*

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During the past 12 months you have contributed about 15,000 labor hours at various project sites. We currently have 63 members (couples or singles), and we have 41 project sites nationwide listed on our website. You can do the math, but if every labor-hour is valued at \$15, we are contributing about \$225,000 annually to these projects. Way to go! You are making a difference!

I also want to inform you that ROAM has been experiencing negative cash-flow month after month, simply because it takes about \$1,000/month to operate our office, including software programs, mailings, promotional materials, and salaries for our part-time office staff, etc. Our current income consists of annual dues and any donations that are given, amounting to an average of \$350/month. With this kind of shortfall, we will run out of money to operate in about a year.

In the past, some of our members were able to make very large contributions that kept us afloat and we have also had some support from the General Church, as their budget has allowed. But with our membership gradually decreasing over the last few years due mainly to ROAMers no longer being physically able to work on projects, we no longer receive as many dues payments and very large donations.

So, we are doing a couple of things. We are asking all of you to consider making donations to ROAM as the Lord leads you to, even if you may no longer be able to work projects or may not have ever been a ROAM member. Any type of donation is helpful and if enough folks could donate even a small amount each month, it would definitely make a difference.

Secondly, on August 2nd I will be meeting with two people from our General Church who head up Work & Witness and Partnership coordination, to discuss how we can be more closely coordinated with and financed more consistently by the General Church. Please pray for this meeting and for a positive outcome that will keep ROAM viable and perhaps better known by our churches and church leaders.

Another thing that will help ROAM to be a stronger organization is to increase our membership. COVID really impacted our ability to share about ROAM at district events, so we as a Board are asking you all to participate in recruiting your friends and acquaintances to our organization. Most of you can probably think of at least one person or couple who would make a good member. We are currently at 63 members – let's strive to get to 100 members by the end of the year. We... *You* can do it!

May our Lord richly bless each of you through this year as you continue to serve Him.

Sincerely,

Alan Miner, Interim President

ROAMers Help Spread the Word About ROAM



Ron and Joyce Barnes joined ROAM in 2009. They worked for a number of years and even when they felt they were not able to physically work ROAM projects any longer for various reasons, they have still been very faithful and supportive of ROAM not only through sending yearly donations but also through volunteering time to let folks know about ROAM!

Thank you, Ron, for being willing to man a table at the Northwest district event in Yakima, WA, this past spring to let people know about ROAM. It is much appreciated!

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Dan and Marlis Williams, who joined ROAM just last year, shared the following report about promoting ROAM. They were wanting to share at a district event but there weren't any tables this year at that particular event.

"We were able to put some flyers on a thumb drive and print at a service center. The district was also generous to allow a ROAM Map and QR Code flyer on the screen during announcements, flyers on table in entryway and we had some great conversations with folks who were very interested in becoming ROAM volunteers."

ROAM at General Assembly

By Ruth Kile

Nazarene General Assembly happens every four years (usually, unless a pandemic interferes). It is a world-wide convention for the purpose of doing church business, electing General Superintendents and the General Board. It consists of worship services, committee meetings, workshops, and an exhibition hall filled with vendors.



The ROAM booth was manned by several of our great volunteers – Ed and Ruth Kile (ROAM Vice President), David and Cheryl Lampton (Board Members) Ron and Lisa Haley (Board Members), Randy and Cindy Woods (Board Members), Lynette Siler, and Dale and Leah Rector.



We so appreciate their help in spreading the word about ROAM.

Our booth saw hundreds and probably thousands of people of all nationalities.

We were in a good location and were able to talk to many people who showed an interest in joining our organization.

Some are waiting to retire before joining, and some expressed that they need to get an RV. Several signed up to receive our newsletter. Information was distributed regarding how to join ROAM online.



Please pray with us that God will provide new volunteers who have a heart for service.

Cross Oak Camp and Retreat Center

By Dan and Marlis Williams



What an awesome privilege to serve at the Cross Oak Camp and Retreat Center in St. Mary's, Ohio this month. Facilities director, Mark Dodds, along with Guest Services managers Marcus and Kristi Dodds were fantastic to work with. They provided encouragement every day, made sure we had what we needed to get projects completed and have a heart to serve people and the Lord in all they do.

We also had the awesome experience of being at camp during the Northwest Ohio District meetings and services.

List of tasks completed:

- Painted doors and window trim on some very old cabins
- Scraped, cleaned and painted majority of exterior of dining hall
- Replaced and painted several rotted window exterior trim boards on dining hall
- Replaced all torn and old screens, and painted porch/entrance to dining hall
- Repaired wood damaged by birds, insects and critters to the snack shack and shelter/pavilion.
- Painted all repairs and overhangs of those buildings

Meet Henry and Chris Truer

Henry and Chris Truer are brand new ROAM volunteers, joining in January of 2023. They have been serving through another volunteer organization since 2021.

The Truers have been married 34 years, and have three adult children, Julie, Elijah, and Abigail. They pastored Horseshoe Community Bible Church in Michigan from 1991 to 2005. Henry then worked for a nuclear plant, retiring in 2020. Christine worked as an administrative assistant at a skill center, and an events coordinator for a school district, retiring in 2021. In 2020, they sold their home in Bangor, MI, and bought their first truck and 5th wheel in 2021. They are full-time RVers.



Chris and Henry have served at Lake Ann Camp in Michigan, at Black Mountain Children's Home in North Carolina, and True Vine Equestrian Ministry in Michigan.

The Truers are dedicated, faithful servants and state that they want to continue to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ until He calls them home.

Black Mountain Home



Our very first RV Camp Hosts here at Black Mountain Home for Children were Kim and Doug Hodge!

Thank you both for your willingness to come on board at the very beginning of the RV park, and for your devotion to continue serving alongside the ministry here.

Michigan ROAM Reunion

We had the annual Michigan ROAM reunion at Water's Edge camp. We ate, talked, played some played corn hole, and all had a great time.



New Members

Rick and Deanne McKee — Ashland, OH
Eldon and Colleen Nice — Seymour, MO
Daniel and Marlis Williams — Marysville, OH
Henry and Chris Truer — Galien, MI
Susan Burtnett — Billings, MT
Charles and Diane Thorn — Oregon, OH
Tim and Pam Gerdes — Hendersonville, TN

Two Easy Ways to Support ROAM

As you know, ROAM is a donation-based ministry. Here are two ways, other than annual dues, to financially support ROAM.

- Donations. You can give any amount you want on our secure Giving Page.
- Café Press. If you are interested in buying items (shirts, hats, mugs) with the ROAM logo on them, you should check out our shop on Café Press. www.cafepress.com/roamers. ROAM makes a little bit off each sale.

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