



ROAM *Chronicles*

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Kile's Corner



Greetings once again from your president. I have been listening to the news like many of you and we're hearing reports that we're starting to get back to normal. My question is, "what does normal look like?" This past year has been a hard one for all of us. Unfortunately, for some of us it has caused a major adjustment in our lives. I am referring to those that have lost loved ones because of this pandemic. Our hearts go out to Millie Coward and Joan Arndt in the loss of their beloved husbands. Another former ROAMer, Leon Webber, also lost his battle with cancer. Our prayers are with his wife Nancy.

I am thankful that restrictions are being lifted so we can carry on our lifestyles with a little bit more safety. However, we still have to be very careful to make sure that we don't put ourselves in situations where we can be vulnerable to this COVID-19. We are entering into our summer activities where we can spend quality time with our families. Enjoy your time spent with them. Time moves on way too fast for us.

We are encouraged to see great reports from our projects and to see how God is blessing us in spite of this pandemic. Please keep those reports coming. We love to feature you in our newsletters.

Keep each other in prayer and remember those that are going through some really hard times. It would be good to send letters or emails letting them know that you're praying for them.

Keep safe out there and keep your eyes focused on Jesus.
 God bless, Ed

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Mission: El Paso!

Greg and Jackie Berdych

"Imagine...what God can do"

No better words can be used to describe the vision and work God is doing at this location and the heart of Chuck and Renee Parish.

There is a board in a dedicated prayer room that casts the vision:



Gate #1 – Clothing Closet

Gate #2 – Food Pantry

Gate #3 – Community Garden

Gate #4 – Senior Center

Gate #5 – Home for Unwed Parents

Gate #6 – Home for Youth

Gate #7 – Thrift Store

Mission: El Paso! has ministry partners who donate household, clothing, and other sundry items. The fellowship hall was the storage area for all the clothing items and the sanctuary was the holding place for all the other donated items. Everything that came in needed to be tested, checked for parts, or deemed wearable.

Our task:

- Build shelving along 3 sides of the fellowship hall
- Wash, process, and label/store all the clothing
- Move the items in the sanctuary into the fellowship hall for processing
- Open up the sanctuary for services to start in the fall
- Assist in collecting donations from ministry partners
- Miscellaneous

In addition to some small repair and building projects in the church, Greg was tasked in building the shelves. They were 4 feet wide in 8-foot sections, 5 feet between the shelves.



Another project we added to the list of things was a laundry table large enough to process the large amount of incoming clothing quickly with sorting bins and an area for washing and folding.



The Clothing Closet was my focus. The room was already designated with shelves built along the wall, but it was being used as storage. The clothing in the fellowship hall was in boxes and bins and in piles under and over tables all waiting to be washed, sorted, labeled, and hung.



Things we prayed for and God answered:

- Someone to repair the numerous bikes donated
- Someone to step up and take over the clothing closet after we were gone
- Funds to build the shelving units
- Housing for Chuck and Renee
- Impact on the community
- Interest in attending the church once services start up
- Immediate help as needed when Greg needed a second pair of hands building the shelves



Patricia who is taking over the clothing closet

We were humbled when someone stopped and asked to take the broken toys we were throwing out. She said there is a school in Juarez where the kids would be thrilled to have them. Or when the mother of a volunteer asked if she could take the items to her home area (also Juarez) because they have nothing and they make their homes out of cardboard boxes, so a little wear and tear on clothing means nothing to them.

It was humbling and exciting to play a small part in making a large impact to meet the needs of the local community. We also got to see God working in the church, the mission and in Chuck and Renee's life.

We plan to go back next January and February (2022) and unless God takes us in another direction this will be a yearly trip. It will be exciting to see what God has in store for us and this ministry in the coming years.

Tell People About ROAM

We could use some help spreading the word about the ROAM ministry. Historically, it has been helpful for people to learn about ROAM when they attend various district events for the Church of the Nazarene across the country. However, the past two years COVID has impacted the opportunity to have people represent ROAM and distribute brochures to share about how the ROAM ministry works.

If you would be interested in distributing ROAM brochures to friends and family and/or at your local church, contact the ROAM office at office@rvsonamission.org and we can send you a small packet of promotional materials. You can also direct people toward our promotional video on our website at www.rvsonamission.org

Thank you so much for being willing to consider this possibility as a way to get ROAMers working in places where help is needed.

New Members

Tim and Peggy Gifford – Great Falls, MT

Mike and Sherry Ruchinski – Douglassville, PA

New Project

Turning Leaf Church of the Nazarene – Glendale, AZ

Three Easy Ways to Support ROAM

As you know, ROAM is a donation-based ministry. Here are three 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.
- Amazon Smile. Amazon Foundation makes a small donation to ROAM for most every purchase you make. NOTE: Amazon does not share individual customer information with ROAM. Simply go to smile.amazon.com on your computer and log in with your Amazon account or follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile through your Amazon Shopping app.



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