



ROAM *Chronicles*

A Nazarene Lay Ministry

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Kile's Corner

Greetings on this March madness month. As many of you may already know, Ruth and I are home-bound for this year due to Ruth's knee surgery, however, she is healing well and we're looking forward to getting out of the house. We are experiencing cabin fever as I'm sure many of you are.

Being a caregiver has taken on a new meaning for me. I wasn't quite sure I could step up to the plate and perform this task. But our vows have kicked into action. "In sickness and in health" has taken on a new meaning for me.

The Lord said that he would not give us more than we can handle but when this coronavirus hit our country, it really set us back. Not just the Kiles, but all of us. It will affect some of our project availability, but knowing our wonderful volunteers, I know you will find ways to serve wherever you find yourself.

I would like to share a scripture that has been very meaningful to us. Read Psalm 46 for comfort in this time of trial. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear . . . Be still and know that I am God."

We are experiencing some hard times, but God said that he'll never leave us nor forsake us. Keep your faith and spirits high and keep looking to the Lord for comfort in these days. As you reach out to others, be joyful, be safe, and stay healthy.

God bless,

Ed

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Indian Lake Nazarene Camp

Dave Becker

Our RV park officially opens on May 1 and we consider the summer season officially open on Memorial Day weekend!

We had several wonderful ROAMers help us last summer. They cleaned, planted flowers, painted, constructed new firepit benches, and served in the Dining Hall. One of the biggest projects completed was a complete makeover to new L.E.D. lighting. ROAM volunteers replaced over 650 light fixtures, which will save the camp perhaps thousands of dollars in electric costs.

We love ROAM!!!

Mt. Chestnut Nazarene Retreat Center

Doug Woodcook

As I reflect back on the last year and a long list of huge projects that got accomplished, with God's help.

The past few years we have been blessed having Bill and Casey Borden from ROAM along with Jon and Bonna Ray from RVICS (RVers in Christ's Service). They have been a tremendous help to Kingdom work here at Mt. Chestnut Nazarene Retreat Center. They have become good friends and are a blessing to us. We look forward to the possibilities of them being back along with meeting some more people who feel led to work at Mt. Chestnut Nazarene Retreat Center. Every volunteer we have is such a blessing, we just hope and pray that we are a blessing in return.

One of the things I have found to be true, no matter what needs to be done, God supplies the people we need to accomplish the task; whether it's installing a playground, putting in 1600' of 2" natural gas line, or changing out lights to new LEDs.

God has given us dreams here at MCNC and we look forward to where He will lead us next. If He should guide any fellow ROAMers to join in, we look forward to meeting you.

Coronavirus Impacts ROAM Projects

Please remember to pray for our ROAM projects during this difficult and challenging time. Several of our ROAM camps have been significantly impacted by loss of income as large groups have had to cancel reservations. We know too that many churches are feeling the financial hits as well.

However, even in the midst of these challenges, some of the ROAM camps and churches have still been able and willing to 'shelter' ROAM members that were already working at their projects, especially the full-time RVers. We are so grateful for their hospitality, willingness and ability to do this. Please also pray for the ROAMers that are working at those projects during this time, that they will be safe and healthy.

So much of life has been altered and affected by this deadly virus, but if we hold one another up in prayer and continue to financially support those that minister in these capacities, there is hope for keeping the ministries alive and active.

New Members

Ben and Kimbre Birdwell – Nolensville, TN

Support the ROAM Ministry

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

- 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** at www.cafepress.com/roamers. ROAM makes a little bit off each sale.
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