



ROAM *Chronicles*

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Kile's Korner

This morning as I reminisce our journey with ROAM, I think of all the friends we have met along the way. Most of us are in our Golden Years and still want to be useful for the kingdom. The friendships forged are precious and lifelong.

We have lost some very special members this year: Delta Allen, Roxie Miller, Pauline Robinson, and Alton Hawkins. All of them have contributed greatly to our organization over the years and will be greatly missed. The passage of scripture comes to mind, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness." (Matthew 25:23) Each of these precious friends has finished their course and are now receiving their reward! Our prayers go out to each of these families as they face the holidays without them.

On the brighter side, we have several that have joined our team this year. Welcome to this awesome family. Buckle up and enjoy the ride! As we enter into the holiday season, let's be thankful for the many blessings God has given us.

In His service,
Ed

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ROAMer Profile: Bruce & Kathy Pike

by Lutrecia Church

Bruce and Kathy Pike both work full time at Walmart in Bentonville, AR. Bruce is a Senior Assistant Administrator in ISD (International Systems Development), and Kathy is an HR Clerk at Walmart Print Solutions. They both belong to Bentonville Community Church of the Nazarene.

They joined ROAM in 2014 and have been on 5 ROAM trips. Their first trip was to Pinecrest Camp near Fredericktown, MO. They have since volunteered at Camp Bond in Tishomingo, OK; Camp Arrowhead in Cleburne, TX; Salyer Lake Camp Ground in Binger, OK and their most recent work was at LifeChange Camp in Clinton, MO.

Bruce has done roofing, building, varnishing bunk beds and installing them in cabins, put tin around a wall in a Recreation building, siding, dry walled, pressure washed, hung doors and jams, plumbing, electrical, worked on sprinkler system, and other needed tasks. Kathy has painted walls, buildings, a miniature golf course; cleaned cabins, cleaned chairs, cooked, served food, laundry, washed windows, made curtains and hung the new ones, and other miscellaneous tasks.

They were able to do sightseeing on their days off (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Mount Scott, Red Rock Canyon in Oklahoma; visit Cape Girardeau and the Mississippi River in Missouri, Sipokni – an old Wild West Town in Oklahoma, the Truman Dam Museum in Warsaw, MO and many other adventures including antique shopping.

They like the “comradery, friendships, fellowship, spiritual uplifting devotions, good food, and being able to be teased by Dan Church” (i.e. Dan asked Bruce to bring a Cherry Picker to his first trip). Bruce accuses me (Trecia Church) of bringing rain to every trip they have taken. Bruce stated, “It’s not like a full time job. It’s meaningful, and they don’t fire you if you mess up. Volunteering to help a need is rewarding.”

Comments on RV living: “It is confined, but it’s okay. Would like to have a recliner. We see pretty country. Appreciates the Camp owners, they are really nice. They are patient with our different levels of experience.”



Bruce and Kathy are hard workers and they get a lot done in a week’s time. They are also fun to be with on our days off. We appreciate the time that they donate from their jobs to volunteer to work for ROAM and God’s Kingdom.

Hours Donated

A big Thank You to our ROAMers who reported working 17,584 hours in 25 different projects this last year.

A reminder to all, we would love to hear what you are doing at the projects. Then we can share that with others in the newsletter. So please send in your reports.

LifeChange

by Lutrecia Church

LifeChange is a wonderful facility and Bill & Carol are great camp directors. They were well organized and prepared for ROAM workers to begin tasks each day.

It was so great to have 4 ROAM couples working together for a while. We got so much more work done with a larger group of ROAMers.

The guys worked on putting up the boards and steel siding on the pole barn, plumbing, electrical, insulation, furnace duct work, and built a front deck on the pool house (which will have 2 apartments for volunteers). Dan and Chuck also put together a basketball goal. The women cleaned dorms and the Lake House, worked in the kitchen, sewed unraveling mattresses, cooked, watered plants, and helped clean out storage areas.

This was a great ROAM trip except that most of us were sick at some point. Whatever it was, it was contagious.

The campsites are all level, pull through, and have complete hookups. LifeChange is a great place to work.

What We Hear About ROAMers

Below are some responses we've received from our wonderful camp hosts when we've submitted requests for ROAMers to work at a project.

"It is our pleasure to allow such wonderful people!" *Genesis (FL)*

"We are thrilled to have them back." *Golden Bell (CO)*

"We would love to have them spend February with us here at Adrian Camp." *Adrian Camp (GA)*

"We are excited to have ROAM folks come anytime." *Camp Bond, (OK)*

"We would be honored to have them serve with us for the month of September 2018." *Bonita Park (NM)*

"So great that we have another opportunity to have God's servers here at The Cove." *Billy Graham Training Center (NC)*

New ROAM Members

Welcome to ROAM!

Christine Rogers – Rapid City, SD

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