



ROAM *Chronicles*

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Kile's Korner

Greetings from the pen of the president in the wake of the hurricanes that have hit Louisiana, Texas, and Florida. Please pray, and if you can in any way offer assistance, please do so.

I've been reading a book on leadership and I would like to share a few points with you. Shortly before His death, our Lord gave us the following three principles for compassionate leadership that is lived out through charitable service.

1. To become great, you must be a servant. Most of us want to be 'GREAT' or at least above average. How can a person become great in the eternal kingdom of God? By becoming humble willing servants.
2. To become first, you must become a servant. The second divine principle for being "first" is the same as the one for those who wish to become great: Become a servant.
3. To be first, we must follow the example of Jesus. He offered two basic choices of Christian disciples: serving and giving. "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth" (1 John 3:17-18).

This is central to the Christian life: ministering to the authentic needs of people with the love of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. How do we serve? As our Lord did. He is the perfect example of a servant leader.

What a privilege we have to serve in the ministry that is entrusted to us. Let's all share with the love of Jesus.

God bless you all, and have fun and be safe.

Ed

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Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove

by George and Lisa Weeks

George and I had the honor to be the first ROAM couple to volunteer at the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove. There were four Sower couples there as well.

The grounds were breathtaking, and all the staff who work at the facility are so very well organized.

George spent his time painting inside with other men. Outside projects were put on hold due to rain. In three weeks the men spread seventeen gallons of paint!



Lisa spent her time with the ladies tallying all comments from the questionnaires given to the guests. Also, a must at the Cove was to pray over all prayer requests at least five times! The ladies helped with that too. Another job was to change batteries for the key locks to the doors at one of the Inns. Then we changed more batteries, this time to the clocks in the rooms.

We met Will Graham, the grandson of Billy Graham, on several occasions. One day while walking by our group as we were praying, he stopped and prayed with us instead of walking by!



You can see the wildlife that roam free there too. We did! Yes, we highly recommend volunteering your time at The Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove and see it for yourself!!

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Pinelaw Camp

by Terry Lounsbury

This time in Pinelaw Camp we made shadow boxes with lights for the chapel, remade and painted the benches by the lake for fireside meetings, hung mirrors, put up shelves in the kitchens and bathrooms, and put up trim in the cabins to finish them up.

Nikki and Ron Coil were very helpful and appreciated all that was done. They are reaching out to the community to hopefully bring more to the camp to experience our Holy Father.

The place is beautiful, there is so much to do around the Spokane area, hiking, fishing, skiing and anyone going to help them will be blessed as we have been the last two times we were there.

New ROAM Members

Todd & Janice Gow - Detroit Lakes, MN

Tom & Barb Poe - Bowling Green, OH

Raymond & Paula Reser, Jr. - Madison, SD

John and Jerri Travis – Manhattan, KS

Salyer Lake

by Kathy Mark

Salyer Lake in Binger, Oklahoma, is not the first summer choice for many, but Bill and I love the area and the people there. Ken and Elizabeth do all they can to make our stay there great and they are successful. During our stay Bill helped Ken with a new building, helped prep roads for blacktop, drainage for a new patio for outside dining, irrigation for lawns and many other things. The new building is a 110 bed dorm and the bunkbeds were made by Ken and Bill and a team of workers.



Kathy worked on flowers in pots around the Landing and some housekeeping and helped in the dining hall at events.

We enjoyed fishing, paddle boats, grilling outside, and enjoying the quiet peacefulness.

If any ROAMER is looking for a camp where new buildings are going up and want to be a part of that, Salyer Lake is one place to consider working.



Annual Board Meeting

The Annual ROAM Board Meeting took place on Saturday, September 16th via conference call. Board members joined the call from all across the country and newly elected board members listened in as well.

Business was taken care of quickly and efficiently. Election of officers resulted as follows for 2018:

- Ed Kile was re-elected as ROAM President.
- Jean Morford was re-elected as ROAM Vice-President.
- Ruth Kile was re-elected as Secretary.
- Fran Reimer was re-elected as Treasurer.

The board also discussed and approved which changes will take place, effective January 1, 2018, regarding new region assignments based on the new board members that are coming in. We will share those region assignment changes in November's edition of the ROAM newsletter.

Ed Kile, current ROAM President, shared with the board that he felt that the ROAM table at General Assembly was well-attended and was grateful for the help that several ROAMers provided in manning the table.

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