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Kile's Corner



Greetings for the final time as the president of this great organization called ROAM. It has been a great journey, and we have really enjoyed working with our ROAM friends as your president. But I feel like it is time for me to step down and let someone else take over.

The first message that I ever preached was from the text Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you . . . and give you hope and a future." This has been my model for many years.

It is with heavy hearts that we have seen many of our friends and loved ones pass from this earth because of this terrible virus called COVID. I just had an opportunity to talk with one of my friends who just lost his wife. I was able to pray with him and he accepted the Lord into his life. He knew that I was a Christian, he knew I was a pastor, he knew that I was one that he could come to pray with. The exciting thing about that whole tragic ordeal was that he is now a baby Christian, praise the Lord for that.

We will never know the lives that we may have touched through the course of our efforts and projects that we have worked on, but it brings us all comfort and joy knowing that we're serving and doing something in our golden years to make this world a better place.

God bless you all! Enjoy your projects and the people that you meet along the way.

Now that I shared my heart with you, I just want to wish all of you a happy new year. Be safe and healthy and share a little bit of Jesus along the way.

Ed

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Maryvale Church of the Nazarene

Shirley Reynolds

The project at Maryvale Church of the Nazarene in Phoenix, AZ, was my first ROAM trip ever—and it was terrific! Pastor Dan made me feel very welcome, and the people at the church were friendly and very nice. The RV sites were in a large, secure lot behind the church, completely hidden from the street.



I started with gardening and landscaping, which I really enjoy. The main outdoor project involved digging up two large sections of heavily overgrown aloe plants in the landscape "island" in the parking lot, and eventually turning the area into a desert succulent garden. Pastor Dan's lovely wife Sue donated some yuccas, snake plants, and several succulent cuttings from her yard, all of which I transplanted to the church's front garden. I also spent some time digging



weeds, trimming trees, and manicuring shrubs.

The other major project was scraping off wallpaper and repainting the men's restroom in the Family Life Center building. The wallpaper was only a small border strip around the room, but it had been attached with some SERIOUS glue! Next came masking, wall-washing, then covering the toilets, stall dividers, and entire floor with drop-cloth plastic before finally giving the walls two coats of paint. Whew! Only God could turn that much work into something enjoyable, but He sure did. When all was done, it was great to see the bathroom looking fresh and bright.

A smaller job (after watching a YouTube repair video) was fixing a few vacuum cleaners to restore suction—mainly by washing the clogged filters and replacing a couple of missing filters. I also got to play Christmas carols on my guitar during Sunday service, and that was definitely a highlight.



My favorite expedition was to the Desert Botanical Gardens—it was peaceful, and so beautiful! I also went up to "Hole in the Rock" across from the zoo. It looked like an arduous climb up the front of this large red outcropping, but in reality there was a short path in back that led up to the rock window overlooking Phoenix.

Meet Linda Helm

Hi! My name is Linda Helm. I am a new RV traveler and new to ROAM. I heard about ROAM by looking on the internet for mission opportunities. I found the site well organized and had great ways to serve. I have signed up to work at the Billy Graham training center as a volunteer in March. I currently own a 27' class B RV and have mostly used it for personal travel.

I am single with no children or grandchildren, but I do have a 9 yr. old miniature dachshund. Her name is Molly. I am now retired, and my profession was a United States Administrative Law Judge. I have lived all over the country but currently my home base is in Southern New Hampshire.



My hobbies are making greeting cards and simple craft projects. I enjoy baking and playing cards. However, I think my favorite thing is visiting with people

See you on the road.

Meet Samantha Smith

Hi! My name is Samantha Smith and I currently live in Northeast Texas. I am single and I have no children or grandchildren. I discovered ROAM online, I am so looking forward to working alongside others on projects. I have not served on a project yet to date.



In my career as a civil engineer, I worked for 3 different cities in Texas. My job included reviewing the building plans for proposed businesses with respect to each city's ordinances. As an environmental investigator for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, I inspected public drinking water systems, enforcing the state's rules.

I love to sing karaoke. I also love pets, although my dog recently passed away. I am planning on adding another dog to my family in the near future.

New Members

Mark Gregorczyk -- Los Frenos, TX

Steven & Elizabeth Pugh -- Box Elder, SD

Shirley Reynolds -- Oceanside, CA

Steve & Debbie Russell -- Noblesville, IN

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