



ROAM *Chronicles*

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Kile's Korner



Greetings from across the miles! I'm writing this letter from my deer blind on a crisp fall day. Well the election is finally over and now we can focus on healing our land, but most importantly directing our thoughts towards the manger in a little town called Bethlehem.

I was just reading from Luke 1:40... Where after Mary had her visit from an Angel, she went to tell Elizabeth. At that time John the Baptist, still in Elizabeth's womb, leaped and Elizabeth and the baby John were filled with the Holy Spirit. At that point history was made and the world never will be the same again.

Christmas is always a joyful time for me. As a child I always looked forward to receiving presents, now the role has changed. Now I look forward to seeing the excitement on my grandchildren's faces when they open their presents, and especially when they thank us for buying just what they wanted.

Now, we are excited to enter into this season of Thanksgiving, thanking the Lord for all that we have, but mostly thanking God for sending His Son to be the Savior of the world. Just remember, don't get caught up in the glitz and glamor, but remember He Is the Reason for the Season.

Have a blessed holiday!

Ed

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Year-end Donations

As we come to the end of 2016, we are pleased with how much our ROAMers have helped numerous projects across the country. Last year ROAMers donated over 19,000 work hours.

You, too, can help keep ROAMers ROAMing with your prayer and financial support. The ROAM ministry depends primarily on donations to support items such office staffing, purchasing supplies, creating brochures and other promotional items, and maintaining office equipment. If you'd like to support this ministry **you can make a tax-deductible donation** from our webpage at www.rvsonamission.org.

The ROAM board has also approved ROAM to be represented at the 2017 General Assembly and there are substantial costs involved in order to make that happen, so any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Debbie Bennett
ROAM Office Manager

Foothills Camp and Retreat Center

by Lisa Haley

November finds Foothills Camp and Retreat Center in Louisville, Tennessee winding down from a very active year. Still a few more groups yet to come.

Upkeep is ongoing and we wouldn't be as far as we are without all the ROAMers who came to work. Four ROAM teams visited the camp this month; George & Lisa Weeks, Bruce & Frances Hoffman, Al & Charlene Hawkins, and Ron & Lisa Haley. However one of the team members (Lisa) was sick with a bad cold, so she did her best to not infect others. She also got elected to submit this report to the ROAM office.

One of the main things we did was to continue the work on the handicap-accessible bathrooms that adjoin the café--plumbing, walls, electric, and installing equipment. Other work in the motel continued as all the bathrooms' vinyl flooring was replaced with tile. There is always cleaning and painting to do, but overall the camp held up well this last camp season.

Pastor Michael, wife Tonya, and the kids live active lifestyles. The camp, church, and now schools keep them hopping. Pastor Michael liked to treat us to Krispy Kremes and lunch out at Hot Rods. Both are amazing and very special! We all rise to the challenge to work our best, but all for God's Glory.

The ROAMERS worked well together and formed tight friendships. Saying goodbye for now was the hard part. We came from all over the states, but it's like we always knew each other. We saw sites together, ate together, and played together. We also share words of wisdom through devotional times and prayer. We are excited to be ROAMing around helping prepare the ground for the planting of seeds and eventually the harvest. God is good indeed.



Salyer Lake

by Kathy Mark

Exciting things are happening at Salyer Lake Conference and Retreat Center. They are busy most weekends and are so happy to have local churches using their facilities. The dining hall is close to completion and work this summer included bathroom tiles on walls and floors. The kitchen floors were stained and walls painted. Bill spent time with their resident volunteer repairing roads after many hard rainfalls.



The grounds are just beautiful and we are sure God will use this area to further his kingdom! Salyer Lake is getting ready to start work on a new dorm. There will be lots of things to do. Fall and spring are a great times to make Salyer Lake a stop.



For a relaxing time, the lake is right outside your camper door and fishing, paddle boats, and kayaks are always available. A long hike will take you above the cliffs and the spring flowers are great. Oklahoma City is within an hours drive and there is plenty to do there including a huge juicy steak at Cattleman's Steak House!

Bill and I count ourselves blessed to be able to serve God in this ministry!

Bloxom Community Church

by Frances Hoffmann

We are thankful we could serve Jesus by serving others at Bloxom Community Church of the Nazarene in Bloxom VA. This is a new ROAM project. We were encouraged by the Morfords to check it out since we were in the eastern part of the country. Some of the things that needed to be done, we could do, so we decided to do our October project there. Thanks to Duane Morford, there are two 50 amp sites.

We did yard work. We picked up lots of sticks. Bruce got to use their new John Deere lawn mower. The church is working to get the parsonage ready for Pastor Mary, who is currently living 40 miles away. As Bruce removed the lath and plaster, I hauled it to the dumpster. Bruce pulled lots and lots of nails to get the kitchen and bathroom ready for drywall. Drywall was hung in three rooms. Now there is a functioning bathroom.



We are so thankful to see the family of God at work. A Work and Witness team from Bethany Nazarene Church in Harrisburg, PA, came for a long weekend. They brought their own cooks and invited us to join them for meals. The Virginia District Work & Witness coordinator and several workers were there as well. They have come many times to help.

Bruce worked several days taking off old shingles in order to repair the leak in the church roof. Hurricane Matthew gave us over 6 inches of rain (no high winds). Not good when there are leaking roofs.

This is a very interesting place. The church is only three miles from the beach on Chesapeake Bay and not far away is Assateague Island, where I waded in the Atlantic Ocean. We also got to see the wild horses in the pasture near the road. If you want to explore the eastern part of the United States and serve the Lord, find a ROAM friend and head to Bloxom, VA.

New ROAM Members

Harry and Judy Palmer – Pea Ridge, AR

Ghani and Gloria Dykes – Monroeville, AL

Don and Lisa LeBel – Pelham, NH

Cesar and Tami Partida – Medford, OR

New ROAM Projects

Check them out!

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