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Thank you and keep doing what you're doing!

We are approaching the end of another exciting year at ROAM. ROAMers again donated almost 20,000 hours of labor to projects from coast to coast. Thanks, ROAMers, for all of you are doing across the country! [Click here](#) to see the details of where ROAMers worked this past year.

Remember, dues and donations are what make it possible for ROAM to keep doing what we do. Anything you can contribute is appreciated. You can [click here](#) to use our online giving system or send a check to: ROAM, Inc, PO BOX 480876, Kansas City MO 64148.

Kile's Corner



Greetings.

As I write this, my heart is heavy for all those who lost their lives in Paris, France in a senseless terrorist attack. It is frightening to realize that it could have easily happened on our turf as well.

We keep praying for peace, but it won't happen as long as there is hate in people's hearts. Join me in breathing a word of prayer for the families who have lost loved ones and also for those who lived through the horrendous attacks.

On a happy note: I am thankful for my family, and friends that I have made across the miles which definitely includes all of my lasting friends in the ROAM community. Thanksgiving sets the tone for the remainder of the year.

Christmas is by far the most exciting time of the year for me. As a child I looked forward to opening my Christmas presents, now I look forward to seeing the expressions of joy on my grandchildren's faces when they open their presents. But my heart leaps for joy when I hear that they opened the main present which is the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. That is the biggest gift of all!

I encourage you all to reflect back on your lives during this season and be thankful for what life has dealt you. Some of you have been BLESSED beyond your expectations, but some have had a tough year, loss of loved ones, cancer in your families, surgeries that didn't go as expected, and on and on. It's hard to be thankful for these bumps or road blocks in our lives, but we can be thankful that we made it through it all by the grace of God.

As we enter into this Advent season, just remember the phrase, "JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON." He truly is.

This time of the year many of us are anticipating travelling to a warmer climate for the winter. Just remember, it is not about US. We are touching lives because we are willing to donate our talents and skills. I am thankful for each one of you! "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God." Phil. 1:3 NLT.

God bless you the remainder of this year and into the next. Have fun and be safe.

Ed

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NOTE: The new ROAM board members will take office on January 1, 2016. Their assignments are as follows:

Floyd and Maryanne Davis -- Northwest Region
Dale and Judy Foster -- Southeast Region
Randy and Cindy Woods -- Southwest Region

Ed and Ruth Kile *By Ruth Kile*

Ed and Ruth met at Olivet Nazarene University, and have been married for 43 years. They have four children, four children-by-marriage, and 12 grandchildren. They reside in Michigan, and for the last three years they have spent the winters as ROAM volunteers at Lake Placid, Florida.

Ed is a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene, having served three churches over 19 years. While at church camp one year, they observed a volunteer group who had come to work at the camp. Ed and Ruth decided right then and there that they would love to serve in that way, if ever given the opportunity. God has blessed, and that dream is now a reality.



The Kiles love to travel, and have seen a lot of America, with a desire to continue checking out the awesome beauty that God has blessed our country with. They have a goal of working more of the ROAM project sites.

God has led in mysterious ways over the years. Ed has worked at various jobs: as supervisor at General Motors, as hospice coordinator, as a minister, as a semi-truck driver. He is an avid golfer, and loves to hunt with his sons. Ruth worked as a secretary for Mazda Motors and for the county health department. She enjoyed raising their children, and serving in many capacities in the churches they pastored. She loves to read and sew, and spend time with the grandchildren.

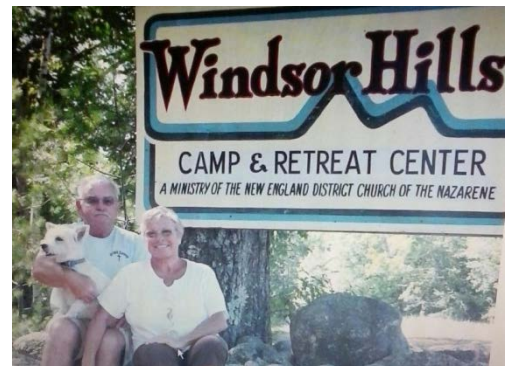
Since joining ROAM, the Kiles have met many wonderful people, and count it a privilege to work alongside such dedicated Christian servants. As they have stated before, they firmly believe that being retired doesn't mean you are through serving - it just means you find new ways to serve.

Windsor Hills *by Rich and Kathy Detterline*

We worked at Windsor Hills Camp and Retreat Center for the month of September. Projects were varied. As we were the only couple there, we worked much of the time together.

Some of what we accomplished:

- Tore up flooring in the counselor's trailer
- Rebuilt the bracing and replaced the floor
- Helped organize the barn workshop
- Rebuilt and finished electrical boxes for the RV spots
- Winterized cabins and trailers



Rich & Kathy Detterline

- Washed and winterized eight golf carts and put them in storage
- Cut fields of grass.

Rich made a trip to Connecticut with the camp maintenance manager pulling a box trailer to pick up a donated garage of tools and Kathy helped the inn manager clean the motel rooms and conference rooms to get ready for incoming groups. This was a great camp to work at. The maintenance manager, Joe, his wife Tammy, and their 3 children were great people to work and fellowship with.

This camp is on a mountain top in New Hampshire but only a short drive to the Atlantic Ocean for the beach and lobster dinners - the best of both worlds. We would highly recommend working at this camp. They have plenty of work and can always use the help. We are planning to return again next year!

Albany Grace *by Richard and Terry Lounsbury*

At Albany Grace we had the opportunity to work with local church volunteers in coordination with a general contractor. We did interior framing, installed exterior siding and windows, then we caulked. We also got to mow a field of grass on the property, and organize church storage area in the bus barn.



We really enjoyed the people and the area. We are looking forward to returning there to finish the church for these really fantastic people of Albany, OR. May God continue to bless the church through them.

Boughs at Annual Nazarene Camp Managers Meeting in October

by Alice Bough

There were many conversations about the value of ROAMers at camps and how they are appreciated. Camps can not do without volunteer help. A big thank you to ROAM.

I felt it was very profitable to be there to represent ROAM.

- We talked to one person about joining
- 2 new camp directors took packets
- Several took their project sheets to update. A couple of camp directors returned them immediately to us.

One camp director commented that "he does NOT want ROAMers contacting him but would appreciate them contacting the ROAM office **first** if they have interest in a project." He stated "They are supposed to go through the ROAM office and that is what they should do."

There were many hugs and lot of visiting with the many friends we have made through the years.

NOTE--Very Important: Just a reminder to ROAMers that as a matter of courtesy and per our procedure, please contact the ROAM office rather than projects and we can alert the project directors of your interest in working, then they can initiate contact with you when it is best for them --*ROAM Office*

Casa Grande, Arizona - New Beginning Church of The Nazarene

by Mary Weatherford

Working at the ROAM project in Casa Grande, Arizona again this year was a pleasure. When we arrived, Darrell and I met George and Joan Arndt for the first time. They were very busy painting in the new playground. The equipment there was faded and tired looking and they have turned it into a glorious area of color. The primary colors they chose look fantastic. George and Joan sanded and painted right up until the day before they left for Lake Placid.



George & Joan Arndt



Darrell & Mary Weatherford

We will miss them!

We have started the preliminary work for the new classrooms and bathrooms, which is the primary focus of the project this year. We finally have the sewer lines in place for the new addition! This was done with much help from the Men's Shelter and Pastor Jerry.

The floors in the Children's Church have been sanded and finished and the overhangs on the two sides of the building had to be removed to prepare for the new rooms. We also created more room here since we had five sites and six volunteer couples for January. That is a great problem to have. I promise to keep you posted with pics on this ongoing project!!

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