

Higher Ground Conference and Retreat Center

By Brad and Connie Johnson

It's been a true blessing to have joined in the daily activities at Higher Ground here in Indiana! We arrived in early May and have served with Chuck & Brenda Hail (Directors) and Bruce & Helen Levensgood (ROAM partners). The kitchen, maintenance, housekeeping and grounds staff were a pleasure to work with too...an awesome group of people to say the least!

Connie and Helen did a great job of painting the railings around the dorms and lodges. Their efforts really spruced up the buildings as they spent many hours chatting and enjoying each other's company. They also helped in the kitchen and dining room. Our 'hats off' to the kitchen staff for the wonderful jobs they do and the fantastic meals they provide! Perhaps Connie's favorite job was working in the snack shack and getting to know the campers that frequented 'the shack.'

And I've spent most of my time helping transform an old pavilion into custom living quarters. Bruce and I completed most of the interior framing under the expert direction of the camp contractor (and all around 'good guy'), Jerry Jones. I must say...it's turning out to be quality housing for some very fortunate staff workers!

We also worked on the new pool that is being completed this summer. We built forms and poured cement. I'm looking forward to helping in the construction of the pool house in the following weeks.

It's been a busy summer for us, yet a truly fun and rewarding time working alongside Chuck and Brenda. We visited the "Ark Encounter" and "Creation Museum" (a 'must see' if you're ever in this area) along with many events and activities in nearby Cincinnati.

It's been an honor to have played a small part in serving our awesome God at this camp!