

M is for Miracles

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MASH is the acronym for "Miracles and Salvation Happening" and during the past four months we have seen both here at this small church with a huge ministry in Casa Grande, AZ.

From November through March, seven ROAM couples have been here. Duane and Jean Morford worked in November. Then in December, Darrell and Mary Weatherford joined them. The Morfords left during January, but Leland and Frankie Lister and Randy and Cindy Woods came. In February, the Woodses left, the Morfords returned and Paul and Roxie Miller and Gordon and Naomi Miller came. The four Millers left at the end of February, leaving the Weatherfords, the Listers and the Morfords in March.

We have worked on several different things:

1. The ARK, which has been a thrift store, is being converted into a Ministry Center. We have reorganized, painted, moved a large cooler from the Warehouse and began building walls around it.
2. We helped clean and remodel the Warehouse per requirements from the city/county.
3. We helped with nine food distributions.
4. We remodeled a house the church owns, which had been rented to a family who had as many as 22 dogs at one time. It was trashed and the odor was horrendous. Clients from the Men's Shelter, which the church also operates, helped remove trash and the carpets.



Even though we all worked on other things, the house became the major focus because the church needs to sell the property and recoup some of its investment. We cleaned, then we cleaned some more. We repaired numerous places in the walls, replaced trim and repainted every room. We rebuilt the kitchen cabinets using the existing cabinets and parts from some used cabinets that miraculously fit. A new air conditioner/furnace and water

heater required building two new wall/doors.

Miracles here included having the right people to do the work. The Weatherfords had expertise with remodeling and were good teachers. Leland Lister is a sheet rock repairman extraordinaire as well as having some plumbing and electrical experience. Paul and Gordon Miller had carpentry experience and were willing to furnish some tools and then leave them for our use. We reused most of the kitchen counter tops, but the one piece bought needed end caps. We could have bought those at Lowe's, but a team member saw some at The Ark. God provided three end caps that matched the counter top, exactly the number we needed!

The team members interacted with several people who are being reached through this ministry. One of the highlights was a Sunday night special, Victory In Jesus, sung by three of the men who have been delivered from a life of addictions and prison. This church is continually reaching out to people who have great needs whether they be physical, emotional, or physical. What a blessing for all of us who have been privileged to work here this winter!

