

New Beginnings/MASH Unit

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It is common knowledge that as you look back on your life, the older you are the faster it seems to have passed. For me, it has turned into seeing it as phases that we've been through. After childhood, education, raising our own children, and caring for grandchildren and our parents (often simultaneously), there comes a time to look back, assess where we are and make a plan for retirement. After all those years of busyness how does one know what you want to do?

Being a Christian gives us a sense of peace about our eternal life, but there isn't a place in the Bible that describes retirement. Reality check: there is always work to be done and there is always a need, somewhere, that is suited to your work and life experiences. God has prepared us for this. We can use our gifts, abilities, and positive attitude to help churches, camps, and people in need.

Ditches have been dug, sewer lines installed, footings dug, and what seemed like miles of rebar laid and tied. And none of all that work shows! Finally we were to the point of having concrete poured and putting up beams and raising walls. Weeks of work and the church can now see some results.

[This work was] done by non-professional volunteers whose average age is 73 and with an incredible work ethic!