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Answer to Prayer: Becky Price's sister, Kathy Petersen, is the miracle person for Spokane, Wash. She lived through a ruptured aneurism and little heart attack. She is slowly building up her strength. Thanks for all your prayers.

Winkle's Wrinkle

Pray for Mert and his family as they are having numerous health challenges.



New pleas for ROAMers' help:

Two projects have issued pleas this month for ROAMers' help. Camp Camby, Ind., needs help Nov. 6-9 to serve a group of 300. The camp hosts need a part-time chef and kitchen help.

And the New Beginnings Church in Casa Grande, AZ., has updated its work description. Pastor Jerry Leastman said he needs ROAMers help to convert a store into a ministry outreach center. The main need is for construction work, plumbing, electrical, and general moving, he said. And the children's building needs its floors refinished, plus minor building, cleanup and electrical work. The Casa Grande church has a laundry and five RV spaces for ROAMers.

Please contact the ROAM office if you can help with either of these projects.

ROAM members work on their home district camp.

By Alice Bough



VICKSBURG, Mich. - Conrad and Gerry Lee represented ROAM this summer at the Indian Lake Nazarene Camp. They enjoy bringing their 5th wheel trailer pulled by a big red truck. Conrad is a master electrician and Gerry is a writer. ROAMers since 2011, they are from Leslie, Mich.

The Michigan District in 1922 voted to buy property to hold camp meetings. Four years later, a committee presented a piece of property at the Point between Big Indian and Little Indian Lakes to be voted on for purchase. The property was bought and one year later workers built a tabernacle. People slept in tents to attend the two-week camp meeting. In the ensuing years, Indian Lake Nazarene Camp has developed into a beautiful camp of which everyone can be proud.

While there, Conrad worked on many electrical items throughout the camp. He updated and installed photo cells and motion sensors in several of the restrooms and shower rooms for energy conservation. He also updated many dusk-to-dawn and emergency lights, which improved security for the grounds. Meanwhile, Gerry did some cleaning and painting in and out of the restrooms, painted inside three RV showers and painted the door frames on the Conference Center.

Philip and Alice Bough of Indiana joined the Lees this summer. Philip kept the tractors, lawn mowers and golf carts running and did some mowing. "Now that is one way to make sure things are working properly," he said. "Use it yourself." Alice worked in the craft barn, cleaning green ware, and trying different painting techniques on a few pieces.

The Lees and the Boughs also enjoyed fellowship and playing dominoes. "And food always comes in there somewhere," Alice said. "We always look forward to being together."

Camping, creating and cleaning in Brookings

by Dean W. Brickey

BROOKINGS, Ore. - August provided some new challenges at the Brookings, Ore., Church of the Nazarene.

On the 4th, Pastor Timothy Lourash asked me to drive four junior high girls to summer camp in the church's van. We traveled uneventfully to Camp Kellogg, a Nazarene camp nestled in the Oregon Coast Range about four hours distant from Brookings. The pastor picked them up at the end of the week.

I completed work on and installed a new coat rack on the foyer wall during the second week. It replaced a free-standing chrome model the church had borrowed from a member of the congregation. With that project completed, I turned my attention to pressure washing the church's exterior, a project that continued into September. I also volunteered to help haul lumber to one of the pastors' homes for a deck-improvement project.





Most of September was warm and dry, so it was perfect for finishing pressure washing the church's siding. Working just a couple of hours a day, I completed the project by the end of the second week.

On the second weekend of September, the church sponsored a ministry fair, which provided an opportunity to display and distribute ROAM information to the congregation. The Brookings Church of the Nazarene has worship on Saturday evening and two Sunday morning services, so I was there before and after all three services to promote ROAM. Several people stopped to visit, and I handed out six or eight pamphlets to those interested. I even connected with another retiree who volunteered to help me with projects around the church, if needed.



I completed my work in September by painting a wall in the church foyer leading into the sanctuary. The foyer is off-white, but the pastor wanted an accent color, and he and his wife chose a light gray. Most people didn't even notice the difference.

ROAM suffers drop in donations

by Jean Morford, ROAM vice chairman

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Have you ever thought about how RVs On A Mission is financed? Do you assume that the Church of the Nazarene finances ROAM or that the various projects where ROAMers volunteer pay a fee or make a donation when we work on their projects? In the past few years, we have had a small percentage of our ROAM office/operations expenses covered by an annual donation from Nazarene Global Missions. However, we have no guarantee that Global Missions will be able to continue this donation since their budget is also dependent on what churches give. ROAM projects are never charged a fee or asked to donate in return for the ROAM volunteer hours worked for them.

In reality, most of the income received for the ministry comes from ROAM members. However, in the past four years, we have seen a reduction in donations from \$16,300 in 2011 to \$12,231 in 2013 and down to a projected total of \$7,135 for 2014 unless there are a lot of year-end donations. Our office staff has done a fantastic job of trying to find different methods of doing things in order to keep expenses under control, but that does not begin to make up for the reduction in donations. The question now is how do we make up the difference? Do we increase our dues? If so, by how much? Would an increase in dues prevent new people from joining our ministry or current members renewing their membership?

Have you considered making a monthly donation to ROAM as many of us do to Faith Promise, our church's building fund, our alma mater or any other ministry we believe in? If we were each to give systematically, even a small amount, it could make a difference between ROAM thriving or struggling. If remembering to send a monthly check is hard for you, most banks will send a check for you when you request it. The check can be on any schedule you desire and in any amount you

want. At many banks there is no charge for this service. It is also possible to give donations online.

"Please prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you respond to the needs of our ministry."

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Ohioans join ROAM



BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio - Ronald and Nancy Smith began their volunteerism with ROAM this month at the Genesis Christian School in Port Charlotte, Fla. The full-time RVers also plan to work there in November.

The Smiths learned about the ministry from ROAM representatives at Mount Vernon Nazarene University Family Camp in Mount Vernon, Ohio. "They were very helpful in directing us in filling out our application and giving us information on ROAM," Nancy said.

The Smiths joined the ministry in July. They'll be traveling in and working from their 37-foot motor home. They'll celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary Nov. 14 while ROAMing in Florida.

Ron, 71, is retired from Bucyrus International of Milwaukee, Wis., which is now a Caterpillar plant. He operated a computer-controlled flame-cutting machine, making mining shovels. Earlier in his career, he was involved with building the crawler for the NASA Space Shuttle. His skills include working as a handyman, painting, light cleaning and helping with electrical and plumbing projects.

Nancy, 71, is a retired church secretary. She worked at the Marion, Ohio, First Church of the Nazarene and the Oak Creek Assembly of God in Milwaukee. Her skills include carpentry, office work, sewing and upholstering and helping in the kitchen.

The Smiths haven't scheduled any ROAM projects beyond November, but Nancy said they're open to "where ever God would have us go."

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ROAM office and personnel

ROAM office staff truly at home

The ROAM office operates from the ROAM Office Manager Debbie Bennett's home in Kansas City, Mo.

This saves the organization the cost of office rental and allows the ROAM staff to respond quicker to requests and inquiries. Because ROAM is a donation-based business and works on a limited budget, ROAM office hours generally are from 10 in the morning to 1 p.m., Central Time, Monday through Friday. The office manager and office assistant alternate schedules to provide coverage for phones and emails.

The staff has made it a priority to handle all office items as efficiently as possible within these office hours. The assistant is able to work from her home, using a remote access program to communicate with the main ROAM laptop. Both the office manager and the office assistant have ROAM phone systems at their homes, enabling them to make and receive ROAM phone calls from the 816-888-4840

number. The ROAM office staff strives to respond to calls and emails within 24 hours, except on weekends.

Executive director involved from first year



KANSAS CITY, Mo. - J. Harold Allen, ROAM executive director, has been involved with ROAM since 2003, but he's worked with other Nazarene ministries since 1969.

That's when he and Delta and their family moved from Lubbock, Texas, to Kansas City so he could work at Nazarene World Headquarters. He served as office manager in the Department of Home Missions, then Church Growth, Planned Giving and the Headquarters Financial Office.

"My son's in-laws, Larry and Pat Schultz, persuaded us to join ROAM," Harold said. "Our first project was at the Scottsville, Texas, camp in March 2004. We worked there seven weeks."

The Allens also worked at Camp Maranatha, Alaska, for five or six weeks. It was one of the most memorable, he said. And in 2005, they were at the Indianapolis General Assembly, working with One Heart Many Hands.

"Shortly thereafter, I started working in the ROAM office," he said. "We soon sold our RV, and I became an associate member." Harold built the ROAM Access computer database from the ground up, which enables the office personnel to keep efficient records of members, projects, schedules and hours donated and provides the ability to generate reports reflecting all of the statistics of the ROAM office.

"Nearly a decade later, I'm still involved with ROAM. I've had the privilege of working with all ROAM chairs: Jerry Chrisenbery, Harold Lewis, Jerry Nichols and Mert Winkle. All were great leaders and had a heart for ROAM."

When Harold resigned as office manager, Mert asked him to stay involved as executive director. He is also secretary of the ROAM corporation.

Office manager followed father's footsteps



KANSAS CITY, Mo. - ROAM Office Manager Debbie Bennett was born in Lubbock, TX and moved to Kansas City at age 8, when her dad got a job working at Nazarene Headquarters. A third-generation Nazarene, she attended the Nazarene church all of her life. She accepted Jesus she was 7 years old at a VBS event in Lubbock.

"Life as a Christian hasn't always been easy," she said, "but I can't imagine living my life any other way."

Debbie attended Mid-America Nazarene College, starting as a music major, but graduating with a Managing Human Resources degree. She has worked in office settings doing data entry and other computer-related jobs, plus customer service positions for the past 30 years. She went from full-time jobs to part-time after she married her husband, Darryl, when she was 33. They have been married 20 years and have a 13-year-old daughter, Jessica. Debbie chose to be a stay-at-home mom and worked part-time office positions at secular organizations as well as several part-time positions at The Global Ministry Center to be home when her daughter wasn't in school.

In 2007, the ROAM board approved her as office assistant, working alongside her father, Harold Allen, helping with clerical support. With his background in office management and her experience working as office assistant for several different organizations, it seemed to be a good fit.

When Harold resigned five years after Debbie joined the staff, the ROAM board

promoted her to office manager. She soon realized she couldn't support the office duties alone and in 2013 received board approval to hire office assistant, Marj Lampley, to help with data entry and customer service support while Debbie took on additional duties unique to the office manager. Her husband, Darryl, also has been approved to work on-call for ROAM. His skills as a website manager/publications designer have proven invaluable. He re-designed the ROAM brochures and business cards and because he is on staff for NMI at the Global Ministry Center, he has included the ROAM information on the annual DVDs that go out to thousands of NMI presidents each year. ROAM also relies on his experience with computer programs he uses in his NMI job.

The ROAM staff has been and will continue to be, striving to provide the most efficient support possible for ROAM members and the projects that need their help.

Office assistant in her second year



KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Marj Lampley has been assisting in the ROAM office since April 2013.

"I am enjoying learning about ROAM and am excited that I can contribute to this ministry," she said. "I have also been a part-time librarian for the past 12 years. Before that I worked at the Global Ministries Center in the Nazarene Missions International Office."

Marj and her husband, Bruce, have been married 24 years. Bruce has worked at Nazarene Publishing House for 20 years, primarily in human resources. They have two daughters. Amanda is a college freshman studying nursing. Caitlyn is an 8th grader.

"I grew up in Western New York and my husband is from the Philadelphia area," she said. "We both graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene University."

Marj's hobbies include music - singing and playing flute - plus genealogy research, reading and crocheting.

"When we travel, I love to visit museums so I can learn new things," she said. "But after that, I want to see what I have read about. Reading takes on an entirely new aspect when you have been to the location of the story. I also love to hear people share their own stories."

Marj committed her life to God when she was a teen-ager.

"I have found His Word to be true in my life and the lives of those around me," she said. "I am still amazed after all these years that I continue to find and learn new things every time I read Scripture. My daily prayer is that I will live what I believe so my family and others around me can see the fruit of the Spirit. I am thankful He is not finished with me yet."

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