



# Chronicles

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## ROAM, a way to serve

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## Fingerprints

By Dean W. Brickey

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."-Hebrews 13:16 NIV

The writer of an Our Daily Bread devotion some time back said that from among God's magnificent creations, he was especially awed by giant sequoia trees. We, too, were awed by these amazing behemoths in late 2011, when ROAMers Floyd and Maryann Davis of Worley, ID, joined us for a trip to Sequoia National Monument.



We were taking a break from our first ROAM project at the Corcoran Church of the Nazarene in the San Joaquin Valley of Central California. It was just 100 miles or so east to the land of the sequoias.

These forest giants can grow to about 300 feet tall with a diameter of more than 20 feet. They can live more than 3,000 years and are even fire resistant. In fact, the Our Daily Bread writer said, forest fires pop the sequoia cones open, distributing their seeds on the forest floor that has been fertilized by the ashes. It's amazing that sequoias can grow in just 3 feet of soil and still withstand high winds. That's because their roots intertwine with other sequoias, providing mutual strength and shared resources.



God's plan for us is like that, the writer observed. Our ability to stand tall in spite of the buffeting winds of life is directly related to the love and support we receive from God and one another. As the writer of Hebrews says, we are to "do good and to share." Think of how tough it would be to withstand adversity if someone were not sharing the roots of their strength with us. And think how we ROAMers share our gifts and talents with others, and with each other, to help build the kingdom.

As the ODB devotion said, there is great power in the entwining gifts of words of encouragement, prayers of intercession, weeping together, holding each other, and sometimes just sitting with one another sharing the presence of our love.

Let the roots of God's love in your life be entwined with others who need your support.

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## **ROAM Board Members work their region**

Ross and I just returned from representing ROAM at the 3rd District Assembly this summer. We pray that some seeds were planted and our time and energy will bear some fruit over time.



## **Pat and Becky Price - Camp Arrowhead**

Pat and Becky Price of Box Elder, S.D., worked on a variety of projects in April and May at Camp Arrowhead that gave them opportunities to learn different skills. Materials were always available, Pat said, at the camp near Cleburne, TX.

- We built an outdoor barbecue.
- Cleaned up after flooding from torrential rains
- Finished roof on the chapel
- Cleaned rooms after weekend groups stayed
- Cooked for open house
- Helped serve weekend guests



We appreciated working with Joe and Janet Thomas and Jack and Kay Grover, Becky said.

## **ROAM project more than just work - A time for Strengthening Family and Friendships**

by Alice Bough

VICKSBURG, MI - The most wonderful time we spent was around the table sharing food or around a campfire praising the Lord for the way He has worked in our lives over the past year. We enjoyed seeing friends we worked with in other places during the camp meeting and assembly times for the district. We watched firsthand how the



Lord can work in a family to strengthen and build a stronger bond than we thought possible. One evening, we heard the story of how the Lord provided for Dale and Leah and their son's family after a tornado devastated their home and church.

It began with Conrad and Gerri Lee from Michigan. Arriving in May were Philip and Alice Bough from Indiana. July brought George and Joan Arndt from Pennsylvania and Dale and Leah Rector from Arkansas.

We accomplished a lot of work. Conrad completed the electrical. Philip worked in the shop. George sorted scrap. Dale helped with the internet. Gerri painted in Adams Park, Alice in the ceramics barn. Joan was the lead housekeeper for the lodge. Leah helped Joan clean.

As always, it is hard to see fellow ROAMers leave. Dale and Leah left early to return to Illinois for his brother's funeral. We all said we would do our best to see each other in Florida in the winter.

### **Lake Placid eager for ROAMers' return**

LAKE PLACID, FL - Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center has had a record-breaking summer camp season.

"Praise the Lord," shouts Anthony Haney, executive director of the camp, which is a favorite of many ROAMers. He said in nine weeks, the camp has welcomed 6,700 campers with hundreds being saved and baptized. When he turned in his report early this month, five weeks of camp remained.

As a result of the busy summer, Haney said, "All buildings will need a refreshing inside and out, so we have our work ahead of us. Your LPC3 ministry team can't wait to see our ROAMer blessing entering our gates and for all to see the new Grace Place Dorm/Worship Center."

### **Hamptons inaugurate LifeChange Camp for ROAM**

CLINTON, MO - ROAM Directors Chuck and Ginny Hampton of Linn Valley, KS, spent June working at LifeChange Camp, and they recommend other ROAMers work there, too.

"We have had an awesome time getting to know and working alongside Bill and Carol Anderson and their small staff," Ginny said. "It's a lovely camp to spend time serving the Lord."

LifeChange Camp is one of Missouri's newest camp and retreat facilities and ROAM's first non-Nazarene camp project site. At the 2014 ROAM board meeting, by-laws were changed to allow the board to consider approving projects outside the Church of the Nazarene on a case by case basis. In this case, Camp Directors/Founders Bill and Carol Anderson are Nazarenes and LifeChange Camp is used by many Nazarene Churches in the region.



"We found the best of nature meeting the comforts of home in a pleasing, rustic setting," Chuck said. "We arrived just in time for two weeks of youth camp and one week of junior high camp. It was a very busy place! Even during the wonderful time surrounded by kids, we were able to accomplish a number of tasks."



In three weeks, the Hamptons:

- Completed the cook's cabin, including electrical, installing kitchen cabinets and heating/cooling systems
- Built a screened-in porch at Lake View Lodge
- Built a two-story building at the swimming pool (for showers/storage/apartment upstairs)
- Worked on general maintenance, lawn and landscaping, and provided kitchen/dining room assistance

Ginny served as the camp nurse and helped serve food and assist in the kitchen; she organized storage closets in the dining hall and washed the interior windows. She organized kitchen cabinets at Lake View Hall. She and other volunteers washed the log front of the Welcome Center. She pulled weeds and planted flowers, spending meaningful time with Carol.

"Both of us washed the fronts of four log cabins," Chuck said. "I replaced broken and warped boards on a bridge at the lake, replaced handles on garden and shop tools, repaired a swing, and spread gravel at the pool gate entrance and on roads. I installed storage shelves in the Lake View Hall and dining room, plus other tasks."

The Hamptons say Bill and Carol Anderson are an awesome couple who have given much to further the gospel.

"It was great to build new friendships with them and their staff and volunteers," Chuck said. "If it wasn't for the help of volunteers, it would be difficult to proceed with the upkeep and the building projects planned for the future. They are looking forward to meeting with other ROAM volunteers."



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