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ROAM, a way to serve

ROAM is an outreach ministry of the Church of the Nazarene.

ROAM provides the opportunity for persons to volunteer their time and skills in meaningful Christian service through the Church of the Nazarene related mission agencies, camps, churches, disaster relief, compassionate ministries projects and other designated areas of service.

Fingerprints

Discover your gifts, and then demonstrate them

By Dean W. Brickey

"Each of you should use whatever GIFT you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." -- 1 Peter 4:10 NIV



The motto of Rvs On A Mission stands out on our logo, website, banners, caps, T-shirts, and other places we promote ROAM.

As we begin a new year of serving others, I'm offering a study of this verse, with the help of some scriptural commentaries.

This verse instructs us to be good stewards of our God-given talents, our education and experience, to do for others what they can't do for themselves.

Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Commentary says it is "one of the most succinct but concentrated passages on the believer's spiritual gifts." Nelson adds, "... Every believer is gifted to serve...."

The commentary also says stewards "are managers or trustees who will be held accountable for using their gift in the best interest of the One who gave it to them."

Meanwhile, the Believer's Bible Commentary reminds us "... These gifts are a stewardship from God. They are not to be used for selfish gain but for His glory and for the good of others. We are not meant to be the terminals of God's gift to us; His grace reaches us but should not end with us. We are intended to be channels through whom the blessing can flow to others."

The Life Application New Testament Commentary states, "Spiritual gifts help God's people to serve and love one another and continue the work of spreading the gospel."

Some of these gifts are listed in Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; and Ephesians 4:11-12. These lists are different and are by no means exhaustive, the commentary says, adding, "When believers humbly recognize their partnership in the body of Christ, their gifts can be used effectively."

Finally, the Life Application Study Bible says our abilities are not for our own enjoyment.

"Some people, well aware of their abilities, believe that they have the right to use their abilities as they please," the commentary says. "Others feel that they have no special talents at all."

The commentary concludes, "Everyone has some gifts; find yours and use them.... Even as you seek to discover your gifts, if you see a need in the church, seek to meet it. You may find gifts in areas you might not have guessed!"

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New Regional Directors Bio: Chuck and Ginny Hampton



Hamptons head up ROAM's Southwest Region

Chuck and Virginia "Ginny" Hampton have been members of RVs On A Mission since the summer of 2013, and were elected to the ROAM Board of Directors late last year. They began their three-year term as directors in January.

The Hamptons, full-time RVers from Linn Valley, Kan., represent ROAM's Southwest Region, which is the same as that of Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego. The region includes, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Southern Nevada, Southern Utah, and West Texas.

Chuck, 71, worked 40 years as a purchasing agent involved with nuts, bolts and screws. He also was a machinist for seven years and owned a retail variety store for five. Ginny, 65, worked as an intake coordinator at a mental health clinic. She also worked as an administrative assistant and as a business owner/cosmetologist. The Hamptons, who travel with and live in a 35-foot fifth-wheel trailer, learned about ROAM at the Joplin District Assembly in 2008. They most recently worked at Camp Pinecrest in Fredricktown, Mo.

Working as a handyman and wallpapering are among Chuck's strengths. He also has experience with carpentry, drywall, landscaping and painting. Ginny is most comfortable with office and computer work, wallpapering and light cleaning. She also has experience

with landscaping-gardening, painting and as a kitchen helper.

Chuck's most memorable project was building an 8- by 12-foot storage shed. For Ginny, it has been working with and "creating new friendships with wonderful Christian people." Ideally, both of them would like to be involved with building a church somewhere in a mild or warm climate. Ginny also is drawn to help those in need after disasters.

The Hamptons are glad to be a part of ROAM and have seen God use the volunteer ministry, particularly at campgrounds, where they've witnessed groups being fed the Word of God.

Adrian Camp Director Pleased with ROAMers



Jeff Croft project director at Adrian Camp and Conference Center, is excited about the work of ROAMers Bruce and Frances Hoffman of Meadeville, Pa.

"The Hoffmans have been doing well on their projects," he said. "They have done a lot of painting and they helped us serve our ladies at the district Ladies Retreat. They are working on drywall in the Men's Staff Dorm. We have had wonderful times of fellowship and their work has been excellent."

Croft is eager to have more ROAMers visit the camp in Adrian, Ga.

"Please feel free to send any ROAMers our way, no matter what skills or skill levels they have," he said. "We will find projects that they can do that will have a lasting effect on the kingdom work we do here at Adrian Camp and Conference Center."

Adrian is a non-profit camp and retreat center in the Pinelands of central Georgia. Its mission is to provide an environment that promotes a growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is open all year to facilitate weekend or week-long retreats.

"We offer life-changing summer camps for children between the ages of 7 and 18, and retreats for people of all ages," Croft said. "There is something for everyone at Adrian Camp."

Bruce and Frances shared "This is a large camp, so we enjoyed hiking their trails. There was no electricity in camp one morning, so Jeff invited us to go to Swainsboro with them for breakfast. Another time they took us to the historic Coleman House Bed and Breakfast for lunch. We had a delicious meal and enjoyed seeing the Victorian house all decked out for Christmas." The Hoffmans are thankful they had the opportunity to get acquainted with camp directors Jeff and Peggy Croft.



New ROAMers a Hit at Rolling Hills Camp and Retreat Center

Chuck Parish, new camp director at Rolling Hills Conference Center & Campground has high praise for a couple of new ROAMers.

"Beverly Hagar and Irving Humphrey (cousins who have both lost their spouses) have been here at Rolling Hills since Nov. 28, Parish wrote.. "They are wonderful people and have been very helpful and supportive. They arrive on time, and do any work that is presented to them to the best of their abilities and with a smile. We are very blessed to have them and certainly recommend them."

Rolling Hills Camp is 18 miles south of Birmingham, Ala., on I-65. It spans more than 80 acres of beautiful countryside in Shelby County.

Serving others since 1968, the camp has facilities to house and feed groups up to 250 people. It includes a Family Life Center that seats 800, and smaller meeting rooms. The staff opened a new pool in 2014. There also is a 17-acre lake and two ponds for fishing and canoeing.

Beverly Hagar of Pownal, Maine, who with her cousin, Irving Humphrey of Eastbrook, Maine, joined ROAM in August 2014, said they were enjoying their stay, which extends through this month.

"It did get cold here last week,"she wrote recently. "People are saying it doesn't usually get this cold.

"We have been going to the Columbiana Nazarene Church,"she said. "The people here are nice and they have welcomed us with open arms."

Bev said Irving helped clean up lots of leaves, did some painting, shop cleaning and helped put new bathrooms in the Family Life Center. Meanwhile, Bev helped in the office the first two weeks because Chuck and Renee had to be away at a conference. Bev also did some painting, made covers for all the pillows, cleaned the camp kitchen and some of the rooms.

"There is not much house work to do,"she said. "It has been nice for Irving and me to get to know each other better. God is good and He knows the plan He has for us all.

"Rolling Hills is very nice,"she added. "We are enjoying ourselves. We are doing some fun things in the area. I am not an experienced RVer, but Irving is. God is helping me to make it day by day."

Greetings from Warm, Sunny Florida!

By Laura Kosloski



We are down here "suffering" for the Lord at Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center. The ROAMers for December were a small, but mighty, group. We had the blessing of serving nearly 600 young people. It was "all hands on deck" for that project. We worked like a fine-oiled machine. Because we're more like family than a team, we were blessed beyond measure to serve the Lord.

More smaller groups have joined us and to hear the laughter and the late-night praising being done at the worship center makes you feel that souls are being touched at LPCCC.

The grounds are being transformed before our eyes. No more open spaces really take over the grounds. Palm trees are popping up everywhere! Someone else's misfortune is our blessing. The new housing and conference room center known as "Grace's Place" is rising up slowly, but surely.

Blessings abound here.

Projects throughout the USA await your love and dedication. Search the projects section of the ROAM website and get involved. It's just a little step that WILL change your life.



Soon, ROAMers will be scurrying around in there, getting it ready for more young people.

Golden Bell Needs RVs and RV Host



Gaylon McMurtry of Golden Bell Camp and Conference Center in Divide, Colo., reports the camp still needs RVs donated in which volunteers may live.

"A tax deductible receipt will be issued for any form of RV that is donated to Golden Bell Camp," he said. "Last year someone did donate a Class A motor home, which is being used by summer volunteers."

Golden Bell has offered Christian summer camps and retreats year round since 1967. The RV campground is open from May 15 until right

after Labor Day.

On Jan. 22, McMurtry learned that the camp host who was scheduled this summer is not able to come. He asks if any ROAMers are available to help in this capacity. On-the-job training will be provided.

Those interested may contact Gaylon or Doug at 719-687-9561.



New Members: Bios



New ROAMers may head south

Gary and Juanita Fruehling joined RVs On A Mission in October, 2014, retired in December and are looking forward to participating in their first ROAM project.

Part-time RVers, the Fruehlings live in Bradley, Ill. They intend to travel in their 32-foot motor home.

Gary, 66, was a chemist for 30 years. He later cared for mental health patients, the job from which he retired. He is an accomplished handyman, who also is skilled at small engine repair and gasoline auto mechanics. He's good at landscaping, gardening and painting. Gary is comfortable with carpentry, dry wall, electrical work, light cleaning and welding. He's also done some computer work, operated heavy equipment, done some plumbing, teaching and wallpapering.

Juanita, 61, worked before their sons were born, then returned to the workforce as an assistant floral designer and ended as an administrative assistant for a dialysis center. She is best at light cleaning, but she's an accomplished kitchen helper, landscaper, gardener, office worker and is good at sewing and upholstery. She also has done painting and wallpapering.

The Fruehlings learned about ROAM from Joan Wilson, wife of Brian Wilson, superintendent of the Chicago Central District.

Gary and Juanita think working in warmer climates during the winter would be appealing. "We've heard great things about Lake Placid, Fla., for the winter," she said.

What's on Your ROAM Bucket List?

By Alice Bough



There are many different types of projects on which ROAM members may volunteer. On the list for camps, churches, and special projects there are more than 40 sites in 24 states, including Alaska. Have you considered shaking up your travels just a little for an adventure? Would you like see more of this beautiful country our Lord has made, make new friends and serve other wonderful people? In how many states have you traveled or worked? How many camps or churches or special projects have you served and then enjoyed the sights and activities around the area?

Think about it, pray about it, ask God for direction, act on what He directs, email the ROAM office and tell them when and where you want to go. Then go and serve.

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