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Fingerprints

ROAM Fulfills Titus 3:14

By Dean W. Brickey

Let's take a look at another verse that goes right along with the official ROAM motto, which is 1 Peter 4:10 - "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

It's Titus 3:14- "Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives."

Paul encouraged Titus to teach the other Christians (our people) to show hospitality, to care for the sick and afflicted, and to be generous toward those who were in need, says the Believer's Bible Commentary. Instead of working merely to meet their own needs and wants, they should have the distinctly Christian vision of earning money in order to share with the less privileged.

This would save them from the misery of selfishness and the tragedy of a wasted, unfruitful life. I believe these are good goals for ROAMers as well.

What are good works? asks the Bible Illustrator. They are works that grow out of supreme love of God, and tender and disinterested sympathy with man. And why is the maintenance of good works so important? Because they are essential to building a true moral character and because they are necessary to the spiritual reformation of mankind.

F. B. Meyer writes, "Let us yield ourselves to Jesus to be wholly possessed and used by Him; and let our one aim be to get glory for Him and success for His Kingdom. Then our views of truth will become clear and sound, and the beauty of our lives will have the most convincing effect on gainsayers. It is better to live a holy life than be a successful disputant. The best proof of orthodoxy is a Christlike life."

Paul ends his letter to Titus with an emphasis on good works, the theme of this letter," says Nelson's New Illustrated Commentary. Paul encourages Titus and the Cretans, suggesting a practical way they can start: to meet the needs of other people.

Isn't that what we ROAMers do? And in so doing, we meet our own needs and glorify our Father in Heaven. That's part of what makes ROAM such a wonderful ministry. Thanks for being a part.



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Hawkineses Blessed to Serve Through ROAM

By Dean W. Brickey

Alton "Al" and Charlene Hawkins of Fillmore, IN, were elected to the ROAM Board in 2014. They began their term Jan. 1, representing the East Central Region.

ROAMers since September 2012, the Hawkineses travel in a 30-foot fifth-wheel trailer. Their first project was in February 2013 at Camp Bond, Tishomingo, OK.

Al retired in 2006 after 23 years as a new car salesman. Before that, he was an A & P meat department manager for 23 years before the firm closed its stores in the Midwest. Charlene's background is in accounting. She worked 20 years in the private sector, then 15 years in public accounting before ending her career as manager of a CPA firm. "I supervised the payroll department, as well as prepared tax returns for some 150 clients," she said.

Most recently, the Hawkineses worked at the Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center in Florida.

"We completed a project at Salyer Lake Camp in Minco, OK, in December and then headed to Florida," Al said. "When we are finished here in Florida, we are headed for Indiana for the summer and work at Camp Camby."

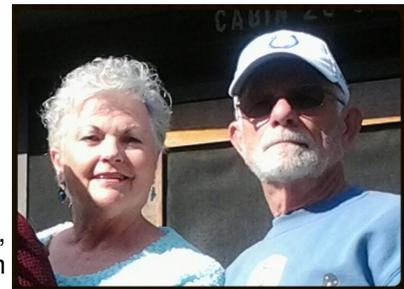
Al's strengths include working as a handyman, carpenter, installing dry wall, landscaping, gardening, painting and setting tile. He's also accomplished at plumbing, light cleaning, and has done electrical work. Charlene is strongest as a kitchen helper, doing light cleaning, working in the office and on the computer.

"The project at Salyer Lake was special," Charlene recalled. "Al grew up on this district. He was reacquainted with people he went to camp with who are still here and active with the progress of the camp," she said. "Salyer Lake is beautiful and full of potential. The director has a great vision for the camp. We are looking forward to all our projects. Each project holds something special and definitely is a blessing."

The Hawkineses want to be obedient to God's will in their lives.

"He will bless us wherever we are," Al said. "He makes our dreams."

Charlene added, "He gives us strength to work the projects that make a difference at the camps. He blesses our relationships with the other ROAMers and the camp staff. This organization blesses us. It has filled our retirement years with joy to know that we can still serve the Lord."



M is for Miracles

By Jean Morford

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!



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Painting Occupies Brookings Volunteers

By Dean W. Brickey

Directed by Josh Farmer, new Family Pastor at the Brookings, OR., Church of the Nazarene, ROAM volunteers and others applied a lot of paint in January and February.

ROAMer Dean Brickey, who lives in Brookings, plus Pastor Josh and ROAM Buddy Daniel Robinson painted the ceiling and walls in three rooms the church youth use in the basement of the parsonage. The rooms are much brighter with whiter ceilings and pastel blues and greens on the walls. The colors are lighter than those the painters covered.

Pastor Josh also directed painting in the church's Fellowship Hall, which was all white, but in need of new paint. Following the new color scheme, Dean painted a sky blue around the upper half of the walls and helpers Mariah Gurney and Ryan Brickley painted a two-tone mottled brown and tan along the bottom half. They transformed the large space into a theater, where Pastor Josh launched the church's new Discovery Kidz program in March. The lower half of the walls are intended to blend with the mottled brown concrete floor to provide the appearance of a desert. Robinson and other volunteers built a stage at one end of the room, complete with sandboxes, a puppet theater and other features, that the children's ministry team uses for puppets, live dramas and other presentations to help the children learn about Jesus.



Peter Roenfanz at Pastor Ann's railing

Dean and friend Peter Roenfanz also spent several hours on weekends in January and February replacing a deck railing at the home of Pastor Ann Wharton, the church's discipleship minister. The railing rotted and failed in several places, creating a safety issue. Dean and Peter began the project last summer, but have worked on it just one or two days a week, weather permitting for the past few months.

Painting and deck railing work continued in February.

On Saturdays in February and March, Dean and Peter continue replacing the aging deck railing at Pastor Ann's home.

In March, Dean replaced outlets, switches, and covers in the newly repainted youth room. The fan motor in the church's main ladies' room burned out mid-month, but a new one arrived and Dean installed it before Easter.

Camp Arrowhead

By Pat and Becky Price
January 2015

We had no specific project at first. A list of items that would be helpful if completed was prepared as we worked on some of the projects.

The weather turned cold and froze a water pipe located in the attic of Arrowhead Lodge. Four rooms were flooded creating plenty of work for us. During the repair of the ceilings, etc, another water pipe was broken creating more flooding and more work. To prevent more frozen pipes, Pat spent a great deal of time in the attic building wood coverings over the 8 hot water heaters, then covering them with insulation. Ceilings had to be repaired with drywall, and taping and texturing to prepare for painting.

Pat redid the plumbing and electrical lights in the Snack Shack. Becky was very busy cleaning the rooms damaged by water as well as cleaning after a large group spent 4 days at the camp. Deep cleaning and painting rooms occupied most of her time.

We worked with Jack and Kay Grover most of the time. Near our departure, Kenton and Nellie Harris arrived and helped on all work done.



List of New Members

Douglas and Karen Woodcook of Grand Valley, PA (joined 4/2/2015)
Bruce and Kathy Pike of Bentonville, AR (joined 3/5/2015)
Jim and Judy Morris of Kokomo, IN (joined 1/16/2015)
Warner and Sharon Sawatzki of Elyria, OH (joined 1/9/2015)
Richard and Terry Lounsbury of Marysville, WA (joined 1/3/2015)
George and Lisa Weeks of Farmington, ME (joined 12/1/2014)
Ralph and Phyllis Hilborn of Otisville, MI (joined 10/28/2014)
John and Patricia Ganger of Calimesa, CA (joined 10/16/2014)
Bev Hagar of Pownal, ME (joined 8/7/2014)
Irving Humphrey of Eastbrook, ME (joined 8/7/2014)

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