



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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Texas Baptist Encampment

In January we left Lindale, TX. and arrived at our next SOWER project in Palacios, TX. The Texas Baptist Encampment is located on a bay just off the Gulf of Mexico. It was established in 1909 and has been providing a place for Christians to come together to rest in the Lord and grow in their spiritual walk. The hurricanes of 2017 did not do a lot of damage, but there was some. We were able to make repairs and help get the camp ready for the upcoming camping season.



Cindy and Linda painting the plywood patch that covers a hole where Bill & Keith removed a old air conditioning unit. Bill cutting floor tiles for a bathroom.

There is so much work that needs to be done at these Christian camps and if it weren't for volunteers it would not get done. During January & February there were as many as 20 volunteer couples doing many different projects. The ladies did the bulk of the painting, both inside the buildings and outside. The men did new construction and maintenance on buildings and infrastructure.



In these pictures Cindy and Kay are going up in the lift to paint the exterior of the tabernacle, as well as painting down at ground level. Bill & John are preparing the ground for a new sidewalk to a dormitory. John, Mil, and Bill building a porch roof for a dormitory over the new sidewalk. Along with these projects we also built a concrete platform for an emergency generator, installed MANY posts along the roadways to guide traffic, and retrieved 50 plastic barrels for a floating dock.

In-Between Projects

One of the benefits to serving with SOWER's on a work project, is that when your project is finished, usually after three weeks, you get to remain at the site for an additional week. We spent our "off" week enjoying the Texas coast. We drove down to Padre Island. There we were able to dry camp for one week right on the beach. Although it was very windy, and colder than we would have wanted, it was great to be there. To see the beauty and experience God's creation as we rest up for another project was great. By the way Cindy would love to live on the beach!



On to Brownwood

After our week of relaxing on the beach we are back on the road on our way to Brownwood, TX. located in the "Hill country" north and west of Austin. We stayed one night in a motel and when we woke up the truck wouldn't start. After finding a local diesel mechanic we were told our computer was burned up, we would need another one, and it would not arrive until Monday morning. Once the part arrived and was installed we were back on the road and soon reached our destination; Heart Of Texas Baptist Camp. We were the only volunteers working this project for the month of March, but as lonely as that may seem, it gave us one-on-one interaction with the staff that we would not have had otherwise.



From left to right the camp director, Rhonda and her husband John, Roger, Radar, Tom & his wife Mary. These great people truly love the Lord and were quite an inspiration to us as we worked with them daily.

Bill worked with Radar installing toilets and hooking up water lines for a bathroom & shower block for the campers.

Cindy did computer work in the office, helping the ministry



update their mailing list. Since leaving Mt. Lemmon the first of Nov. we traveled to east Texas and worked with three different Christian ministries. We enjoyed our time and were blessed by so many people. It was good to be doing the Lord's work daily. We appreciate all of your prayers as we served. We especially thank our faithful supporters that give each month that make our service possible.

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