



GREETINGS FROM THE GRIFFINS

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Winter Again?

Let us start out this newsletter with an apology for not getting one to you in March. We arrived on Mt. Lemmon

the day before the Easter weekend and we were swamped by excited campers. We hit the ground running and tried to stay ahead of the work. When they left the hail, wind and snow showed up. Our sea-level, Caribbean, warm blooded bodies did not appreciate snow and below freezing temperatures. We were getting down to 28 degrees at night. Brodie was also not appreciating the cold temperatures. It did not allow any opportunity for him to chase chipmunks or birds. We also found some leaks in our roof and we had to wait out the melting snow until we could get up and patch the leaks. Next we found mice living in our house on wheels, ARRGGH! A quick trip to town, some traps loaded with peanut butter, and the score is mice 0; Bill 2. Now the weather is warming up. The campers are coming every week, and we have finally found our pace. It is so amazing how we can find some common ground to visit with everyone.

We strive to be the best example of Christ in our words, deeds and actions. There have

been a couple of situations already that we were able to defuse before they escalated by Christ like attitudes. Let us say right here that we truly appreciate all of your prayers for us while we serve here. We know that it is by the grace and will of God that we are able to present Christ in our attitudes.

As we mentioned in our previous newsletter, we expected God to bring people into our path that He would have us interact with. Let us tell you of two recent conversations. We were registering two ladies for their stay at the park. During the conversation we learned that they were both avid hikers. One, a 70 year old woman, has hiked the Appalachian Trail from beginning to end. The other, a 60 year old woman, has hiked El Camino de Santiago. For those of you who have not seen the movie "The Way" this is a trail starting in the French Pyrenees ending at the Atlantic Ocean on the Northwest of Spain. It is supposed to be the path that the Apostle James took spreading the Gospel. It is reported that his remains are entombed in the church at the end of the trail.

During our talk, the many places we have been serving the Lord came up. The next day, we checked on these women. They told us how they had long discussions about us, the life God has called us to, and how it impacted them.



Thanks! We had a Blast!
Thanks for being!
Great Hosts!

The second conversation happened just a few days ago. While cleaning one of the outhouses, a young man asked about the water. Bill explained that the water on the mountain is drinkable. He asked if we drank it. Bill replied that whenever we return from our time overseas we get sick drinking the tap water in the US; so we drink bottled water. He then asked "Where have you lived overseas and why were you there?" Bill explained that we have served as missionaries since 2002 when we started with Teen Missions International. A few minutes later the young man called from his camp site to let us know that his wife had been on 3 separate Teen Missions Summer teams. All work stopped as we sat with the group of campers and talked about summer teams, Teen Missions, and serving God. Then the young lady and her husband mentioned that they had discussed leading a team together but had not done so. All of us were impressed with the realization that God had just brought us together for a time of fellowship. We don't know what He is planning to do in their lives but this is just two examples of how God can, and does, orchestrate circumstances to accomplish His will.

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

Work/Time Off

Let us start out by explaining some of what we do as camp hosts. We are responsible for twenty three campsites, three vault toilets, & trash collection at the lake. For the campsites we register campers and collect park fees. We remove all trash around the sites and ash from the fire rings. We clean and stock the toilets. Right now our campgrounds are full on the weekends and we stay busy until Sunday afternoon. Monday and Tuesday we catch up on cleaning the sites and get them ready for the next campers. It is a lot for the two of us to do because we also have to maintain the sites for another set of hosts that have the two days off.

Our days off are Wednesday & Thursday We usually go down the mountain on Wednesday to do our laundry and get the supplies we will need for the coming week. We also check in with our family and see what is happening on the internet. It is interesting to



us that we are living as remotely disconnected as we were in Belize. We also enjoy some of the perks living at a beautiful lake. Bill likes to fish for the abundant trout and has even built a crayfish trap to catch some of these delicious critters. Thinking of our Cajun friends as we enjoy. Cindy likes to hike the hills, read, do her cross stitch and puzzles.



We praise God for the work He has brought us to, and that He is working through us and in us to His Glory.

"You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you." John 13: 13-15