



Illinois Campers On Mission

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President's Letter—John Lindeman



COM has had a great week with two projects completed in the same week. Gary and Karen Watson and Dick and Karen Mowers worked at Morningstar Mission in Joliet while the rest of us worked at Road to Freedom Baptist Church in Galesburg.

We were all able to accomplish several tasks in spite of the extreme heat and difficult conditions. Great job COM'ers.

Eighteen people worked at Road To Freedom Church in Galesburg. Terry and Debbie Odum joined us for the first time and are a welcome addition to the family. Rick, Abby and Becca Mott from Iowa COM also joined the effort and were much appreciated.

The work was challenging for both crews this past week but the Lord always gives us strength to do His will. Thank you all for your effort and dedication.

Sometimes it is difficult for us to see the eternal effect of the work we do, but we are encouraged to be faithful in our efforts.

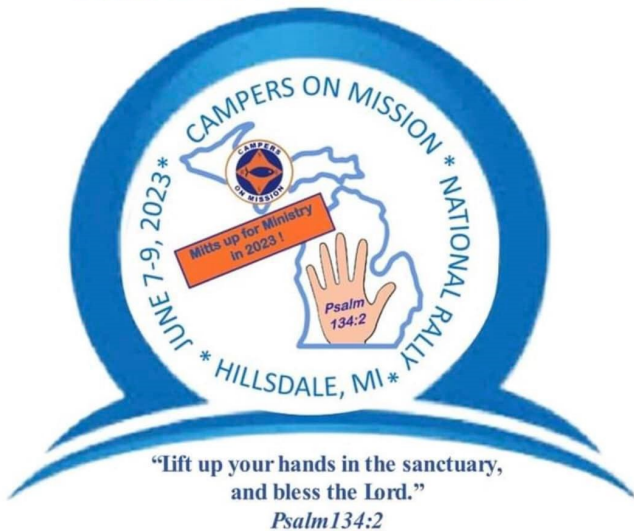
Our next project is Carmi Children's Home. Hope to see you all there.

Isaiah 41: 10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." John and Francie

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MICHIGAN CAMPERS ON MISSION
host of the
2023 COM NATIONAL RALLY



National Rally 2023 has a home—our neighbors to the north, Michigan.

Rick and Cindy Truesdail have accepted the challenge to lead their state through this great undertaking and will be needing some help from us as the time draws near. We know what it takes to put on a great rally and in the spirit of COM, put this date on your calendar and plan to attend and help if/where they need us.

More details will come but thanks for prayerfully following God’s call, Rick and Cindy.

- 1 Fred & Paula Riley
- 1 Andy Thomson
- 4 James Rentfrow
- 4 Cheryle Walters
- 6 Penny Meese
- 6 Clayton Horton
- 7 Wayne & Bev Laechelt
- 8 Paula Riley
- 8 Wendi Young
- 10 Chet Whyers
- 12 Ken Ramsey
- 14 Philip & Stephanie Hall
- 15 Roslyn Horton
- 21 Glenn Ansley
- 24 Harold & Susan Mills
- 27 Wayne Laechelt



2022 COM SCHEDULE

- August 21 – 26, 2022** Baptist Children's Home, Carmi
- September 17, 2022** Carmi Fall Fest, 10 AM—2 PM at Baptist Children's Home
- September 18 – 23, 2022** First Baptist Church, Hamilton, IL
- October 9—12, 2022** Fall Rally - Lake Sallateeska
- December 3, 2022** Christmas Luncheon

Chaplain's Corner by Francie Lindeman

Time flies when you're so busy.

This morning as I write this, I'm enjoying the soft rain here and the cool breeze (70 F). Looking out over the field, watching the birds feast and the cats stalk how relaxing and easy it is to communicate with God. We all need this downtime and the quiet to recoup for the next COM week. I thank the Lord every time we are out for the extra strength He gives all of us to get the job done. He blesses all of us every month.

Psalm 107:21 Let them (me) praise the Lord for His great love and for the wonderful things He has done for them (me).



The COM work projects in Illinois are almost done for the year. Let's finish strong and plan to come help at Carmi and Hamilton!!! Details for Carmi will come by email when we receive them. Details on the Christmas luncheon will also be released soon.

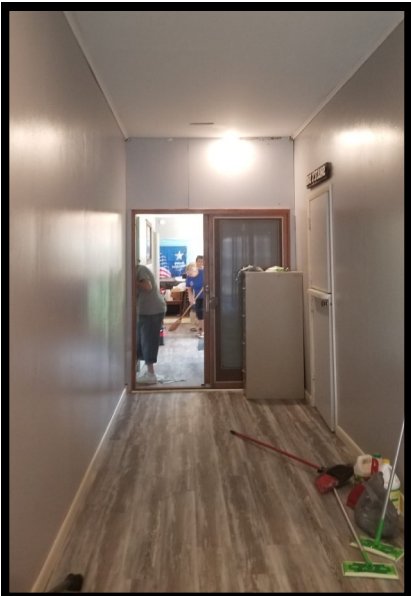
**Tasks completed at Road to Freedom Baptist Church,
Galesburg, Illinois**

Attendees:

Don & Jan Kragness
Leroy & Irma Burnett
Fred & Paula Riley
Richard & Anita Evans
John & Francie Lindeman
Cathryn St. Dennis
Terry & Debbie Odum
Bryan & Terri Keller
Rick Mott and daughters Abby and Becca from Cedar Falls, IA, Iowa COM President

Projects:

1. Put up dry wall through-out fellowship/kitchen and hallway area
2. Tape, mud, finish, prime and sand ceiling several times
4. Paint the ceiling 2 coats
5. Sewed and completed 56 As-You-Go bears
6. Lots of electrical work – removing lights, adding lights, moving plug ins, etc.
7. Moving furniture and appliances
8. Remove trim and ceiling tiles in the hallway.
9. Remove trim in the fellowship hall/kitchen
10. Remove all partitions and bulkheads in fellowship hall/kitchen
11. Install 4 ceiling fans in fellowship hall
12. Clean the area when finished
13. Planed and adjusted 4 interior doors
14. Cleaned children's room when finished
15. Cleaned windows
16. Hung wall cabinets in nursery room
17. Replaced trim in hallway and fellowship hall/kitchen
18. Had daily devotions and evening fellowship times



Photos from Galesburg work project



Tasks Completed at Morningstar Mission, Joliet, IL

Workers: Gary & Karen Watson, Dick & Karen Mowers

Tasks completed:

1. Y building and Grounds:

- a. cleared trees from infield, outfield, left field fence and home plate (all ground inside baseball fence) with chain saw and bob cat
- b. helped drag trees out of diamond area and chip them
- c. took out stumps from trees removed
- d. designed and built a wooden door to cover broken windows in old concession stand storage shed and to secure the building
- e. covered broken window in shop area in storage shed
- f. repaired hole in roof
- g. caulked the roof holes and other areas on concession stand covering
- h. added screws to metal siding where coming loose
- i. trimmed trees in the picnic table area with pole saw

2. 619 N. Center Mission House –

decorated and furnished mission house for future occupants (Kitchen, dining room, living room, front parlor, downstairs bedroom, downstairs bathroom, 1 upstairs bedroom and upstairs bathroom)

a. acquired items from Morningstar Treasure Chest thrift stores: 2 full dressers, 2 night stands, 6 lamps (4 table & 2 floor), chandelier light, large overstuffed chair, TV, TV stand, 6 wall pictures, 3 wastebaskets, kitchen utensils, pot holders, kitchen towels, small metal shelving unit, coffee pot, plates, glasses, bowls, silverware, paper towel holder, corner video accessory stand, large floor rug, entry rug for front door, sitting bench with pillows, large plastic potted plant, place mats, matching 3 piece table set for living room (2 side tables & coffee table), 3 mirrors, towel rack, wall hooks, bookcase, light bulbs

b. Purchased items to complete rooms: tablecloth, kitchen side table, vinyl wall art, TV amplified antenna, kitchen utensils, 2 window valances & curtain rods, 5 sets of window curtains & 5 curtain rods, entry rug for back door, small lamp table, drawer hardware knobs (25), large wall clock, shelf liner plastic

c. Donated items to help with cost: 9 plastic chairs, toilet paper, paper towels, kitchen items, Tupperware storage boxes

- d. Install curtains, hung pictures and mirrors in bedrooms & parlor & kitchen
- e. Install drawer and cabinet knobs (25 knobs) in kitchen
- f. cleaned and put down shelf liner material in kitchen drawers and cupboards (7 drawers & 9 cabinets)
- g. installed towel rack in upstairs bathroom and hooks in downstairs bathroom
- h. installed vinyl wall art on dining room wall
- i. washed windows
- j. secured large floor rug already in the house with double stick tape
- k. repaired small side table in parlor
- l. repaired floors in 3 sink cabinets in the house using wood and shelving material in the basement
- m. cleaned and vacuumed floors
- n. arranged furniture in rooms and items in kitchen cabinets
- o. installed chandelier lamp over dining room table

Photos from Morningstar Mission Project

