

S.W.A.T. Team

SERVANTS WITH A TOOL

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“Providing Labor of Love for Christ-Centered Ministries”

SWAT Team Returns to Faith House of Enfield

The SWAT Team returned to Faith House of Enfield on the 18th of November. The primary goal was to install wiring for the fire alarm system. This was one of the final requirements that needed to be met prior to receiving a Certificate of Occupancy. Faith House will serve the Enfield community as a temporary shelter that will help meet the basic needs of several homeless women and children.

Scott Blakeman and Foster Hood had the responsibility of assisting Mike Stroupe and Steve Blakeman “run wire”. They navigated through the crawl-space underneath and through the attic up above the almost 100 year old three story house. At the end of the day their project was finished and ready for the fire alarm contractor to complete the installation. Dawn Stroupe and Kaylin & Lynn Blakeman worked to clean the oak trim upstairs and helped bring the beautiful woodwork back to life.

Thanks to Gloria and her “crew” for having a breakfast ready for us when we arrived. Della Moore enjoyed being part of “the crew” that prepared and served a delicious lunch for the Team.

Continue to keep Gloria and Faith House of Enfield in your prayers as they hope to open their doors for ministry in 2007.



Mike Stroupe made sure all the wires were routed properly

SWAT Completes 7th Year

The SWAT Team completed its 7th year of providing Labor of Love for Christ-centered Ministries. Nine Local Events and three National Events were coordinated, providing the Team many opportunities to do what it does best. 230 persons participated in these events. This is where we traveled throughout the year:

- February: Asbury Chapel, Pascagoula, Mississippi
- March: Camp Oak Hill, Oxford, NC
- April: Victory Mountain Camp, Sophia, NC
- May: Faith House of Enfield, Enfield, NC
- June: VA Nazarene Camp, Buckingham, VA
- July: Tapestry Nazarene Church, Raleigh, NC
- August: Haws Run Nazarene Church, Jacksonville, NC
- September: SC Nazarene Camp, Batesburg, SC
- September: Golden Bell Camp, Colorado Springs, CO
- September: Tapestry Nazarene Church, Raleigh, NC
- September: Church of the Nazarene, Shonto, AZ
- November: Faith House of Enfield, Enfield, NC





In Memory of Gary Mietz

It was on December 9, 2005 that Gary Mietz, faithful member of the SWAT Team, suffered a fatal heart attack. Gary and his wife, Nancy, attended most SWAT events for several years. Gary was an electrical engineer who provided expert skill and knowledge at events. Nancy often helps in the kitchen along with painting and cleaning. Gary has been greatly missed this past year and will continue to be missed in the years to come.

"Use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God." Rom 6:13b (NLT)

Team Accomplishments of 2006

- The official Logo was designed and applied to our apparel, signs, brochure and ministry cards.
- A "Strategic Planning Committee" of seven members was created under the leadership of Dean Kenny. It has been meeting monthly.
- The Asheboro Nazarene Church donated their tool trailer, which has been used on several events. (Pictures will appear as soon as we install the Logo.)
- An Advisory Council was created to provide assistance to the Board of Directors.
- Several Team Members took on specific leadership roles throughout the year.

SWAT Team Plans Return To Arizona: \$5,000 Needed

In February and March the SWAT Team, lead by Jim Stewart, will return to Indian Reservations in Arizona to complete several projects at 3 different churches.

The Kaibito Church, located on the Navajo Reservation, burned down several months ago. Since that time volunteer teams have rebuilt the foundation, walls and roof. The SWAT Team hopes to complete the electrical, plumbing and finish work.

The Parker Church, located on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, has been setting for two years waiting on materials and workers to finish their project. The SWAT Team hopes to complete many of these unfinished projects.

The construction of the Shonto Church, located on the Navajo Reservation, was started two years ago. Services are now being held in this church, although chairs and finish work are still needed.

In past years the SWAT Team has accomplished many good works on all three of these churches, but the work is slow and there is little money within these congregations. Funds are needed to purchase materials and pay for associated construction costs.

The Team also hopes to construct RV sites at each church that will accommodate volunteers coming to work at these churches. Materials are also needed for these projects. In the past, volunteers have been turned down due to the lack of accommodations. Funding for the RV project will ensure a larger volunteer work force.

Volunteers from all areas are invited to join in any of these projects.

We are asking you to help us raise \$5,000 for these projects. Your tax-deductible contribution and support will be greatly appreciated.

Checks can be made payable to SWAT Team, 1012 Cedar Knoll Drive, Wake Forest, NC 27587.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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