

“Providing Labor of Love for Christ-Centered Ministries”

## The Casa Grande, AZ Project - Feb 2010

By Tom Barr

The New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene in Casa Grande, AZ had a rather large project that needed to be completed so they requested the help of R.O.A.M., an organization of retired couples that “roam” the US in their RV’s providing volunteer labor for Nazarene Churches and camps.

In February six ROAM couples responded to this need. One of these couples was Jim and Joy Stewart, who also represented the SWAT Team. The other couples were: Jerry and Dorine Nichols, Randy and Marilyn Jahn, Mert and Sandy Winkle, John and Virginia Bennett, and Tom and Darlyene Barr.

The New Beginnings Church, through its MASH Unit (Miracles Are Still Happening) feeds and clothes upwards of 10,000 people each month. Financed through sales from four outlet stores that sell used clothes, appliances and construction materials, food is purchased from other outlet sources. The food is picked up by trucks owned by the church and operated by volunteers. Tuesday through Thursday people move through the food store filling grocery baskets with

food. Prior to distribution of the food a worship service is held, including a presentation of the Gospel. As many as 15 people have received Jesus as Savior in one month.

The Church also operates a shelter for battered women and their children. Recently the church purchased a building that was previously a mortuary. They had been using the building as the shelter, but the layout and facilities of the building were not conducive for living quarters for the women and their children. The primary project for this ROAM/SWAT Team event was to reconfigure the layout of the floor plan; adding three new bedrooms and installing two new bathrooms. By the end of February the project was completed.

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### Upcoming Events

- June 11-13: Victory Mountain Camp
- June 25-26: Moore’s Keep
- Early August (dates to be announced): Black Wolfe Baptist Church (West VA)
- September 3-5: South Carolina Nazarene Camp
- October (dates to be announced): Hickory Cove Bible Camp
- November (dates to be announced): Camp Oak Hill



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Pastor Jerry Leastman stated, "Where has ROAM been all this time? We are so glad that you folks came to our rescue. You were a God send. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, and may God bless the efforts of ROAM."



## SWAT Team Holds Project at New Life Camp

By Hank Lovell

Hello to everyone. I was asked to write an article about our recent event at New Life Camp in Raleigh, NC, over the weekend of April 9-10. Well, let me start by saying the event was very pleasant. We had a good group of volunteers to help with all the work projects. We started with a small crew on Friday and got to meet Bob Johnson, the camp director. He is a very down-to-earth guy, so polite and helpful to everyone. We were given the projects that were the most important to him. On Friday Steve and I started by repairing roofs on cabins. Scott and some teenagers helped spread mulch.

Saturday morning everyone got off to an early start. We continued mulching and clearing debris from around the camp ground. We also continued cabin roof repairs. We had a few other projects going on too. Mike and Paul worked on fixing electrical problems while others were busy painting the yellow basket ball court lines. I was very impressed with how everyone enjoyed working and fellowshiping as we all got to know a little more about each other. I hope all the kids that go to this camp really enjoy how nice the camp grounds are.





Many hands make light work when it comes to spreading mulch.

Do you guys have a license to drive those things?



"On the roof, it's peaceful as can be...  
And there the world below can't bother me"

The Drifters



The basketball court looks great.

Anybody for a game of H-O-R-S-E?



## Project: “Extension Cord Elimination”



By  
Steve Blakeman

Every once in a while the SWAT Team encounters a unique opportunity that is outside of our usual events at Christian Camps. Such was the case when we arrived at North Raleigh Ministries, a non-denominational

outreach ministry that serves North Raleigh, NC. From the street NRM looks like a traditional thrift store, but once you learn about what happens inside you realize that much more happens there than just the selling of used goods at very discounted prices. Their array of services include providing Christian encouragement, food and emergency financial aid to those who have legitimate needs.

NRM is able to provide these services because of the many volunteers that show up on a daily basis. Many of these volunteers sit at desks in office areas and conduct interviews. The office areas of the building became the primary focal point for the SWAT Team. When we arrived there were numerous extension cords strung

throughout these areas, creating a hazardous environment. It was our task to install enough electrical outlets in strategic locations to eliminate the danger.

Over the course of two Saturdays in February Sean Holderby and Mike Roland, both licensed electricians who were “first-timers” to the SWAT Team, provided leadership to the 10-person Team in such a way that resulted in the installation of about 15 outlets in the office and shopping areas.

It was amazing to watch these two guys look at the situation, develop a plan of attack, and then give guidance to the rest of us. It was truly a team effort. Those who like “heights” climbed up the 14’ step ladder (provided at no cost by Triangle Equipment, Inc.) to run wires above the ceiling panels. Those who don’t like heights, stayed low to the floor and crawled under desks and such. Within two half-Saturdays we had installed about 15 electrical outlets, which basically eliminated the need for extension cords.

We, Denise Crumpler (the NRM Director), and the Fire Marshal can now relax, knowing that the building is a much safer environment for the workers and the customers. NRM will continue to do the Lord’s work in the way in which they have been “called”.

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