

“Providing Labor of Love for Christ-Centered Ministries”



Upcoming Events

- February 9: Enfield House of Faith, Enfield, NC
- March 14-15: Enfield House of Faith, Enfield, NC
- April 4-6: Victory Mountain Camp, Sophia, NC
- April 18-19 : Lutheran Memorial Camp, Fulton, OH
- May 2-4: Outdoor Mission Camp, Maggie Valley, NC
- May 24-26 (Memorial Day Weekend): SWAT Ohio Event
- June 13-15: Virginia Nazarene Camp, Buckingham, VA
- August 29-31 (Labor Day Weekend): Gunter D. Moody Camp and Retreat Center (SC Nazarene Camp), Batesburg, SC
- October: Potters Wheel, Mt. Olive, NC
- November: Camp Oak Hill, Oxford, NC

Gift to SWAT Team Buys 2nd Tool Trailer

By Steve Blakeman

In our previous newsletter you read about the September SWAT Team event at Coastal Beacon Nazarene Church. During the Sunday morning worship service the pastor presented the SWAT Team with a special gift; a check for \$500 as an expression of their appreciation for the help we had provided them that weekend. The timing of this gift was providential. The SWAT Team planned to purchase a used tool trailer from Steve Levinson, the Director of Promise Land Farms Camp, the following Saturday. The price of the trailer had been agreed upon as \$500, the exact amount of the gift from Coastal Beacon. It was a huge encouragement to see how the Lord provided the money needed to buy the trailer.

After installing shelves, we immediately loaded the tools and the trailer was ready to go. We are so appreciative of

several individuals/families that have made donations of tools and cash (to purchase tools) enabling us to fill the new tool trailer and be better equipped and more effective to serve. Having this new trailer will now allow us to give our smaller trailer to the new “SWAT/ Ohio” Team. Nate and Amy Wanner will lead the new team with a kickoff project in 2008. It’s great to see God’s hand at work in the “practical” matters of life and ministry!



Our newest trailer is ready to roll!

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Camp Oak Hill

By Robin Yee

I attended the Oak Hill Camp SWAT. I try to attend one or two SWAT events a year. SWAT events give a person a chance to (1) reach out to others in a tangible way, (2) help others who are ministering and reaching others for Christ, and (3) improve the conditions for the people who are reaching out to others and those they are reaching out to.

I have never worked harder than I did at this SWAT event. Hard work has a way of lifting ones spirit and giving one hope for the future.

As a result of attending these events I have developed several strong friendships and have drawn closer to God. These events are not just about helping other ministries, but about developing friendships and spending time worshipping GOD through fellowship with other believers, through hard work , through eating together, though learning about other ministries and how they reach other people, through the hope these ministries give to others.

At Camp Oak Hill we worked on the infirmary, which allows this camp to reach out to kids with cancer and other medical

needs. Knowing the work SWAT did at this camp will give kids who may not have much time left a place to have fun and learn more about God is enough of a reward, but there are so many other rewards as well.

When I attended this event, both my husband and I had been unemployed for over three months and I was getting discouraged. This SWAT event gave me hope. Shortly before this event I had an interview and got to share a little about SWAT and the upcoming event on this interview. I think this was part of the reason this interview lead to a job offer. God has an amazing way of helping those who do His will.



About S.W.A.T

The S.W.A.T. Team is an all volunteer inter-denominational ministry, and a non-profit 501-C-3 corporation.

Service opportunities include construction, remodeling, landscaping, evangelism, education, administration, and fundraising.

When participating in events, transportation and personal insurance must be provided by individual Team members.

SWAT/Ohio Inaugural Events Announced

Swat/Ohio is planning our first small project in cooperation with St John's Lutheran Church, Grove City, OH. We will be clearing brush and doing small construction at Lutheran Memorial Camp in Fulton, OH April 18th and 19th.

We are also working to plan our inaugural "SWAT-led" event Memorial Day weekend. Stay tuned for more details on this event.

If you would like to be involved please contact Nate or Amy Wanner at 614-305-7068 or ohio@servantwithatool.org

Extreme Camper Makeover

By Della Moore

Many of you know Ty Pennington's **EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION**. He bulldozes and builds a **NEW** house!. I say "Step aside Ty and let The S.W.A.T. Team show you how it's done"!

As you may know, this fall S.W.A.T. acquired an OLD abandoned 24 foot camper with the goal of transforming it into a storage unit for **HOUSE of FAITH**, a homeless shelter for women and children, in Enfield, N.C. The beginning of this project happened on November 30 and December 1 when eleven SWAT Team Members converged at the Blakeman home. It took the entire first day just to tear out the interior. Material dated 1989 was found as well as an N.C.STATE WOLFPACK 1983 CHAMPIONS plaque. Cleaning out the camper was quite a task. This included clothing, food, cooking utensils etc. The molded tub-shower-lavatory unit was cut into three pieces so it could pass through one of the 24 inch wide doors. Contrary to what the picture of Dawn showed, she did much more than "sit on a stool and hold a pipe wrench"! Pastor Bruce was a "real cut-up", sawing out the rotted floor and cabinets, among other things. At the end of the day, he loaded his van with the scrap metal, pots and pans, etc., plus a three drawer chest, all to be recycled. "Way to go Pastor Bruce"!! Another neat aspect of the day was how each worker went from finishing one job to another. After painting, Daralyn pulled nails out of wood so it could be reused. Tony "fixed" the door knob and replaced the window etc. There wasn't much for Megan {7} to do.



Steve Haney, the newest "Kid on the block", started "AT THE TOP"---the roof that is! He, along with Lynn, Scott, and Kaylin, worked many hours scraping and patching holes. Daralyn, Dawn, and I shared the task of digging cold tar from a 5 gallon bucket and heating it on the grill. Dawn was smart, she wore gloves. I didn't and I thought I'd have to go to church the next day looking like an "old speckled hen". FYI--Ponds Cold Cream removes tar like

magic!!

By the end of the day Mike had rewired 'WHAT EVER' and we had lights!! Steve H. had come earlier, worked, stayed overnight and worked the next day helping Steve B. get a running start on the roof and interior. We had some warm weather which enabled Steve to apply the Cold seal on the roof.

Scott and Steve finished installing the plywood floor and ceiling, painting both in time for "Show & Tell" when the Board Members came for an open house. Next, it's on to making the shelves and some patching here and there. After a final cleaning inside and out, the camper will be on its way!

To me, this has truly been a "labor of love for a Christ centered ministry". Hopefully it won't be long before we can say:

"DRIVER----MOVE THAT STORAGE UNIT"!!!





“Fly – SWAT”



By Steve Blakeman

Seven SWAT Team members met at the Shelby, NC municipal airport, November 16 & 17, to complete a project for Compass Aviation Ministries. This is a unique ministry that provides assistance for newly trained missionary aviators and helps them transition from flight training to mission service by: (1) providing employment at an airport where they can gain the flight hours, proficiency, and experience required by mission organizations, (2) providing a stipend, housing and sufficient time to raise financial support during this interim period, and (3) helping them reduce educational debts. (www.compass21aviation.com/cam/)

Several weeks prior to this event five SWAT Team members visited the Compass Team at the airport and developed a plan of action: to construct a 60' x 18' metal wall that would enclose the north end of the Compass hangar. Steve Haney, a SWAT member with construction experience, took leadership with the technical planning and ordering of materials. When the Team arrived for the actual event, the materials were on site and ready to be installed, along with scaffolding provided by another SWAT member, Gene Philbeck.

The long range plans of Compass are to install hangar doors at both ends of the hangar. They have purchased the door for the south entrance and the SWAT Team may assist with the installation of that in the spring of 2008. The installation of “the wall” allows Compass to move one step closer to relocating their

entire operation from a hangar owned by the airport into their own hangar, now that the elements of the weather won't have such a negative impact on the working and storage environment.

Throughout the project the SWAT Team enjoyed the fellowship with each other and with the Compass Team as we worked and ate together. But the one activity that made this an unforgettable event for the guys who attended was that each one of them was given the opportunity to “fly” a Cessna 172, under the direction of Greg Roberson, a missionary pilot candidate on the Compass Team. It was a thrill to have this extraordinary experience: thus the title of this article.



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