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FL COM FBC State Liaison

In 1983, my wife, Sandy and I were selected by the Home Mission Board to serve as US-2 Missionaries in the River Valley Baptist Association, Arizona. During our training and orientation the ministry of Campers On Mission was introduced to us. We saw COM as a great mission resource.

Our area of ministry in Arizona consisted of many campgrounds, RV parks and manufactured homes. Many of these sat on the banks of the Colorado River. Many miles separated the campgrounds from the Church. We prayed that the Lord would send us mission volunteers to serve with us during the winter months. The first couple came as short-term missionaries but left as COMers. Many COMers followed them during the next two years. Our ministry grew greatly, thanks to the COMers. Many services were provided in the campgrounds and two Churches were birthed in the river and lake community.



In 1989, our family arrived in Florida (freshly out of Seminary) with great passion for COM. Margaret and Forrest Johnson, great Florida COMers, lived just a few houses down from our first home in Florida. They helped us to connect with Florida COM by involving us in their projects, introducing us to other COMers and inviting us to the State Rallies.

When we arrived as resort missionaries in Orlando during 1994, many mission volunteers were already in place. We already knew the majority of them because they were COMers. Our ministry in Orlando was a very special time in our lives. Many people came to Christ during our twelve years in Orlando. The ministry was very big and effective. The COMers carried a heavy load of the ministry for us. Countless COMers served with us! Several have gone home to be with the Lord. The Orlando COMers will always have a very special place in our hearts due to the time and ministry we spent together.

Today, I proudly serve as the Florida Baptist

liaison to Campers on Mission. COM is one of the best kept secrets of the Southern Baptist Convention. In Florida, COMers assist our Church & Community Ministries Team in the following ministries: Fair, Raceway, Seafarers, Campgrounds, Festivals, Resort, Literacy, Migrant, Mobile Dental Unit and Disaster Relief Chaplaincy. COMers assist other Florida Baptists Teams such as Disaster Relief/Recovery and Church Planting.

As the Florida Baptist Liaison, I have the privilege of providing funds for two state rallies each year. The Florida Baptist Convention provides liability insurance, when requested, for rallies Booth space and giveaways are provided at every Annual State Convention Meeting. This gives COM exposure to Pastors and other messengers. Recruitment of COMers takes place. The booth gives Pastors an opportunity to see the great mission resource that we have in COM.

It is a win-win situation when COM is connected with their State Baptist Convention. COM is a great mission resource that can fill the needs of the Convention. At the same time, the State Baptist Convention can provide some resources that COM desperately needs. When the relationship and cooperation takes place, the kingdom of God is impacted. Many people come to know Christ and that is what COM is all about—As ye go...

Written By:
Marc Johnston, Team Strategist
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In each newsletter, we plan to introduce a COM State Convention Liaison to our membership. It will take 10 years to cover all the state convention liaisons. It will help exposes our membership the liaisons and expose the liaisons to our membership. **Please share this newsletter with your chapter State Convention Liaison** and ask if they would be willing to provide a brief article for a future edition of the newsletter.

Keep up the good work!!

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From the National Coordinator

These first six months as your national coordinator have not been hindered by a lack of tasks. Accomplishments have been diminished by personal health and my mother's passing. We now understand our wagon was overloaded because we did not have sufficient time to dedicate to **the national website**. As some of the other tasks are completed, we'll focus more time on the website. Now on to the positive.

The **national COM manual** has been drafted, reviewed, updated to reflect the review comments and will be redistributed for additional comments sometime by early February. It will be distributed to each of the chapter presidents and regional representatives with a suggestion to distributed it as widely as possible to get as many campers as possible to review and comment. Comments will be received through the end of March. Then the manual will be finalized and distributed to the chapter presidents and regional representatives to review in preparation for their voting on adoption of the manual at the 2012 national rally. We still need some pictures of COM activities from the 60's and 70's to include in the manual.

Support for a **national COM history book** has increased dramatically. Chapters have selected their chapter historians and others are diligently working to gathering their history, including pictures. We also have a very qualified English teacher that has agreed to edit the book. A FLCOM'er Judy Smith, is a preacher's kid that accepted the Lord at the age of 8. She received a BA in English from Union University, edited the college newspaper, was active in theater, taught high school English, speech, theater, and Spanish for 30 years, served as Dean of students for 2 years, served as facility sponsor for newspaper, and taught part time at Valdosta State University for 12 years. We are truly blessed to have someone with Judy's qualifications agree to edit our history book. She will have an article in the next newsletter spelling out how she proposes we work to develop our history. Judy may be contacted at (386) 792-2207, 386-303-1694 or smithj@windstream.net. She will be meeting with the chapter historians at the national rally. Her husband Phillip will need our prayers until the book is finished.

It is the time of year for each camper to share all that God has done through their COM activities by **submitting their "Praise report"** to their chapter. If your chapter does not have a process to do this use the format in draft manual. The **chapter Praises reports**, which are based in the individual **Praise Reports**, are due the first of February. For details see the draft manual.

Region 5 needs to elect a regional representative at the 2012 national rally to replace Norman Marcum. The candidate needs to be vetted prior to the election. The regional representatives, Norman and Gary Shaw, one of his chapter presidents, have discussed this issue and have concerns that they will find someone in their 135+/- regional members willing to accept the task. They all feel it would be acceptable to elect someone that lived outside the region, if that person would dedicate the next several years to strengthening the chapters in region 5. They would need to make it their primary mission effort. They would attend chapter rallies, work with chapter members and spend their mission effort in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. It is a big task, but God has the resources, if his person follows the leading of the Holy Spirit. Are you the one? Why don't you ask the Man?

If the **2014 national rally** is going to be held near Boston, one of the critical tasks is to locate a facility large enough to accom-

modate the campers within 600 miles of Boston. If you are aware of any facilities with 250+/- RV sites, 6 meeting areas, and a conference room capable of holding 500+/- with an adjacent kitchen, please share the information with David Book dbcabot@aol.com and I larrydavis4@juno.com. It would be good to locate one in an area with a depressed economy and work projects in the area. It would make the rally more meaningful to the local area.

The reports in this issue show that each chapter has some mission efforts going on all year long. Campers desirous of working in a specific geographical area, should be able to contact that chapter and locate work. If you can't, please contact me.

Please make a concentrated effort to include your state convention liaison in your newsletter distribution. Sharing it with the DOM's around your state won't hurt either. While camping several weeks ago, a non-COM camper shared a story about a DOM actively campaigning against volunteers such as us. I'm not sure what volunteer group, but their point man met with a church and shared what volunteers could do. No follow-up communications occurred between the church and volunteers. Several days before wanting the volunteers on site, the DOM called them. Only two could make it on the short notice. That DOM equates the problem to all volunteer projects. If we initiate communications with a mission need, we need to maintain communications until the need is met or those in need understand it will not be met or they lose interest in the volunteers. Sharing these newsletter may help dispel the damage done by isolated incidences.

Regional Representatives

Region 2 - Thank you for your willingness to communicate and involve everyone in your projects and your willingness to share prayer request. God answers pray when we ask him. -- Larry

Region 3 - You can learn more about the COM work projects and/or mission activities by attending the COM rallies, which are held five times each year in MSCOM. A Newsletter is sent out four times each year with information regarding locations and dates of rallies, as well as work projects, and revivals. It is such a joy to meet with our Christian friends at the rallies, so please come and join us!

FYI: Campers on Mission Manual, dated 2007, states under "Requirements for Membership" Item 3, "Attend a minimum of one chapter rally and/or participate in a mission activity at least once every three years."

Please send any items of interest to Sarah McDaniel, Publicity Chairman, COM, 14116 Dundewood Rd, Biloxi, MS 39532, or email: sclm@cableone.net, for inclusion in the next COM Newsletter due 1 April 2012. Thanks. Rickey Youngblood

Region 6 - I had the great pleasure of attending the Arizona convention and COM fall rally in Phoenix and what a blessing that was. To my great surprise, I knew some of the members and have served on projects with them. They let me share my feelings about COM and the pride of being part of such a great group of people. I would love to get more invites to come visit and see what is going on and can't wait to visit with everyone at the National Rally this summer. I encourage everyone to attend, I was ready to quit and find a different way to serve before I attended the rally in Florida this year. The energy and love at that rally not only convinced me to stay part, but do more with a wonderful group of God's people. Thank you for letting me serve.

-- Kathy Anderson

News from Chapters

Alabama

Alabama COM completed another great year with 216 individual COM members donating a total of 46,552 hours service to Gods kingdom! The 46,552 hours marks a new chapter record topping the previous 45,572 hours record which has stood since 2007. Our total number of projects was down to 33 but a number of our members served several months at disaster relief/tornado rebuild and church construction sites. Alabama COM members also distributed over 26,000 scriptures/tracts and led 14 Bible studies as well as sharing their personal testimony while on mission.

Arizona

I want to thank everyone of our Arizona Campers On Mission members for the great support and encouragement you have given Gloria and me during our term as your President and Secretary/Treasurer. I especially want to thank those of you who were responsible for setting up and acting as liaison for our projects this year. We had a great time starting the year of 2011 with the

Quartzsite Revival, then Raceway Ministry/Nascar in Las Vegas and Pine and Burton Camp and in between assisting with our own State Southern Baptist Conventions. Please give our new leadership the same encouragement as they continue to expand our membership and find new projects that we can tackle. As of January 1, our new AZ COM president is Tom and Karen Demand, 3301 S. Goldfield Rd Lot 2109, Apache Junction, AZ 85119, phone 480-984-1074, tdemand1@hotmail.com. He will serve for the years 2012 and 2013. Thanks for everything and if I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate on calling on me. — Paul Rameriz

Picture includes: VP Tom Keyes, Becky Keyes, Sec/Treas. President, Tom Demand



Colorado

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Florida

Florida Campers on Mission members took a few days off following the National Rally in June to catch our breath. Some went back home, some went on vacation out of the area, and some went, well, berserk. (I'm sorry, I just couldn't resist!) Some, however, took only a few hours, instead of days. Joe and Barbara Rotunda, for example, arrived at a summer camp location on the Sunday following the national rally to prepare meals for three weeks for 350 youth.

Reflecting on the national rally, we all saw the blessings of prayerfully seeking God's will for each individual and the chapter as a whole. It was thrilling to see how many gave exceptional effort to fulfill the duties to which they had committed. That kind of devotion is what it takes to make a difference. The ultimate incentive is the realization that we are working for The Lord, not for ourselves or Campers on Mission.

So much has happened since June. Our members are involved in construction projects all around the country. Many have

helped with Vacation Bible School, served at summer camps and been involved with a myriad of ministries in Florida and elsewhere. More than fifty were involved with the North Florida Fair in November. They took tickets at the gate, hosted the agricultural buildings and served at our mission booth. They realized early on that they needed Spanish speaking people gifted in evangelism. There were so many Latinos there who become interested in our message but our inability to speak Spanish was a great barrier. We had more than 50 professions of faith. We pray that these new Christians find gospel believing and teaching churches and they become disciples of loving Christians.

As for the future, we have embarked, as of January 1, on a plan to streamline the organizational structure of Florida Campers on Mission. We have reorganized from nine regions to four, and each Regional Wagon Master will have one or more Assistant Wagon Masters to help bridge the miles in the enlarged regions. We are involved in numerous construction projects around the state and in neighboring states. Our web page, www.flcampersonmission.org, lists most of our current projects.

Ann Lemos, Southeast Wagon Master, is once again ready to serve at the South Florida Fair, with the help of four other members from her region. The fair dates are January 13 through 30, but Ann and her team will be on site from the 10th through the 31st.

FLCOM will once again have a space at the Florida Pastors Conference, January 26th-29th, in Jacksonville. We will have a booth where we will promote COM to anyone interested. Jerry and Cathy Ruiter, Northeast Region Wagon Masters, are coordinating this effort as well as the "Real Men's Event". COM men have been invited to the seventh annual "Real Men's Event" on February 24th-25th at Skeeter Ranch near Jasper, FL. <http://www.realmensevent.org>. We expect nearly 2,000 men and boys, many of whom will answer the call to give their lives to Christ. COM will be helping with registration and promoting COM. There is plenty of space for dry camping.

Russ and Patsy Goolsby, Wagon Master of the Northwest Region, are planning for a group of their members to report to Blue Springs Conference Center later in January to help with some tree trimming and other grounds work. Then, several of them plan to proceed to Jacksonville to help with the pastor's conference. Two of our new regions are actively preparing for the spring and fall state rallies this year. Wagon Master Wayman and Pat Jones, of the Southwest Region, and their team, are hosting the spring rally in April. It will be held at Lazy Days RV Campground, April 12-14. Wagon Master Jerry and Cathy Ruiter, and the members of the Northeast Region, will host the fall rally at Williston Crossing RV Resort in Williston, FL. The date in October has not been settled, as yet, with the folks at Williston. In both cases, the committee chairpersons have been selected and are filling their committees. We eagerly anticipate their programs as we gather for fun, fellowship, worship and fresh insights as to how we can grow the chapter, bring in younger families and be more effective at winning souls for Christ.

In summary, we continue to serve and we are exploring new ways to get others involved in this wonderful ministry. As with other chapters, Florida's membership is becoming more "mature" with each passing year. We are actively discussing new approaches for getting younger families involved so that they can carry on this ministry for many years to come. Another critical point of focus is ways to get new members involved early in their association with Campers on Mission. Early involvement and the

feeling of contributing in a meaningful way are keys to expanding the size of the organization and improving our effectiveness. We are always open to ideas from other chapters and we will be happy to share our successes as well.

Until God brings us together again, we pray that each of you has a blessed, joy-filled and prosperous year of winning souls for Christ "As We Go." Barbara Rotunda, President of FLCOM



COM'ers listen to Pastor Munoz, during morning devotions at North Florida Fair

At right, Jerry Ruitter, Northeast Region Wagon Master, displays the Bible Knowledge Board in front of the FLCOM "Fun Wagon". Both are effective witnessing tools.



Georgia

GA COM had good participation in a number of projects during 2011, most of which are annually recurring events. They included: Meansville Children's Home Yard Sales: Four yard sales were held at Meansville Children's Home. Complete information is not available concerning the participation and results but it is known that twenty GA COM members worked during the Spring yard sale at Meansville Children's home. Also, the fall yard sale at Meansville was conducted in September with the help of fourteen Georgia COM members and six other volunteers raising almost \$2,100 was raised for the Children.

Baxley Children's Home: The Southern District of Georgia COM met at Baxley Children's home for their "Southern Rally" and work project.

Revivals: The revival team held a revival at Pine Grove Baptist Church, Blackshear, GA April 30-May 4, 2011. The team stayed at the campground on the Satilla River owned by the Patterson Baptist Church. The church was very receptive to the team and it was a very good revival. Everyone who helped did a great job of ministering in their special gift under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The church was so blessed that they asked us to come back this October but our other projects and rallies will not permit it at this time. Maybe it will work out again in the future.

Sunbelt Expo and Georgia National Fair: GA COM continued the tradition of providing a hospitality trailer at the Sunbelt Expo in Moultrie, GA and the Georgia National Fair in Perry, both in October. Despite inclement weather which delayed opening at both events and one day of forced shut-down at each location, 46 volunteers spent 753 hours handing out 3000 gospel tracts and 3900 cups of water during 10 days at the fair and 4 days at the Expo. Additionally, 2,400 salvation bracelets, provided by Ken and Linda Colburn, were handed out with explanations.

Rallies: As usual, Spring and Fall statewide rallies were held at Twin Oaks Campground, Elko, GA.

Iowa

We do two projects each year. One in the middle of May and one in the middle of September. The projects are usually small and we finish them by the weekend making it a 3 or 4 day mission. The projects usually involve maintenance on a church building such as painting, drywall repair, window repair or replacement, fixing roof leaks, etc. We usually have a team of 6-8 workers which is plenty for the size of the projects. I do realize if we had a larger project we could contact you for help.

Our current President is Peter Brent, 319 S. Division St., Stuart, Iowa 50250; phone 515-975-5018. Rev. Claude McFerron, 2807 47th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50310, 515-277-5044 is our coordinator. Our chapter started in 1989 through the leadership of Rev. Claude McFerron. Over the years over 30 churches have received assistance.

We recently promoted COM at the November Baptist state convention that had over 40 churches in attendance, with the hope of recruiting more members. We have had two responses so far. Our next mission is May 16-19, 2012 at Living Hope Baptist Church in Ossian, Iowa. They need painting on the interior and exterior, some drywall repair from a roof leak, and a window replacement.

Denny Davis, 415 S. 14th St., Adel, Iowa 50003, 515-993-1129 or cell 515-729-9983, dennisdavis_84@q.com

Kansas/Nebraska

After a busy year of service, numerous members of Kansas-Nebraska Chapter will be serving in warmer climates this winter. The group gathered for a Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Central Baptist Church, Winfield, Kan. They celebrated a busy year of service and discussed locations for winter projects, including: Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios, Texas, and Valley Baptist Retreat, Mission, Texas

COM members tackled a variety of projects during a September 2011 work project at Weir Baptist Camp, 12 miles southwest of Pittsburg, Kan. The work project was held in conjunction with the COM fall rally at the camp. The group installed cabinets in Adam's Cabin, the new cabin at the camp. COM'er Bill Streeter, a retired carpenter, made the cabinets during an earlier work project. During the September work project, Streeter and Curtis Kirkley made and installed the cabinet doors. Paul Wade, Deen Satterlee and Gary Shaw installed new chain-link fencing along approximately 500 feet of the camp frontage along Kansas Highway 103. In addition, two of the COM couples worked at First Baptist Church in nearby Cherokee, Kansas. After serving at Weir Baptist Camp, the group then went to Riverside Baptist Church, Independence, Kansas.

Campers on Mission events in 2012 include: Kansas-Nebraska COM spring rally, May 4-6, 2012, at Webster Conference Center, Salina, Kan., Kansas-Nebraska COM fall rally, Sept. 21-23, 2012, at Weir Baptist Camp, Weir, Kan., COM work projects in 2012 are being planned and will be announced when details are finalized.

COM is open to all interested evangelical Christians. You don't need a recreational vehicle to participate. To find out how you can get involved in Kansas-Nebraska Campers on Mission, contact Gary Shaw at GSHAWSSS@aol.com.

Kentucky

LOOKING BACK & LOOKING AHEAD (A short review of 2011 as we look forward to 2012)

Who Are We and What Do We Do? Campers on Mission (COM) is a national fellowship of Christian campers with chapters organized in most states throughout the US. We share our faith and serve in various ways wherever the Lord leads us. Membership is open to evangelical Christian campers of all denominations.

In Kentucky our primary ministries include building churches, ladies quilting and other ministries in accordance with ministry needs. Our normal project year starts in March and ends in October. We cooperate with the KBC, Kentucky Baptist Convention, through the KBC arm of B-Men, Baptist Men on Mission, and with other COM chapters particularly with those in bordering states. We are a self-supported mission group and are organized as an LLC, Limited Liability Company.

We determine our own ministry projects as the Lord leads. We consider project leads directly from churches, through our Kentucky COM members, and from regional and national sources. Project scheduling, through our project coordinator, is continuous throughout the year.

We are established as a COM volunteer member organization with a Constitution and Bylaws. Our KY officers and contact persons for the coming year are as follows:

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Looking Back As we look back over the past year, there is much joy in the work the Lord is doing through us. We have felt His presence at each place He has sent us. We have had such a sweet spirit with us and it has been very humbling. Those who serve the Lord are a special group of people.

Two thousand eleven has to be counted as a successful year for KY COM. From Jan. 1 through Oct. 31, we worked 12 projects and had 46 people participate for a total of 8,036.5 hours. God blessed us with a safe year except for a few cuts and bruises that were taken care of with "black electrical tape".

It is so good to be in the will of God. All praise goes to Him for any success we have enjoyed. We have felt His presence at each place He has sent us. The sweet spirit we have had with us has been very humbling and we have been blessed to serve.

There were long trips, mile-wise, and long days at some sites, but you showed up and cheerfully did any task assigned. Rain, cold, and lots of heat seemed not to deter us as we did the work including but not limited to such as framing, insulating, hanging dry wall, laying tile or whatever. All this while dealing with low voltage at most sites causing hot campers, stepping over and through electric cables, sewer and water lines, red mud, and at the same time trying not to bump ones head on a neighbor's camper slide. We are all looking forward to another great year next year. Projects are being scheduled for next year. There are many needs out there and God will lead us to them.

Year End & Ready For Another Our December 10 Christmas party was well attended and we shared a great time together. Not only was it a great Christmas season time of sharing, but a very heart warming event for our active COM project workers to meet with several of our members that no longer get to travel with us throughout the year. We shared many passed and present happenings leaving all with the feeling of a great family gathering.

The pastor and members of Faith Missionary Baptist Church of Madisonville, Kentucky provided a very delicious Christmas dinner for all to enjoy. We were blessed to get to help them build their church building, because they invite us each year (now 5) to return to their church for a Christmas dinner and fellowship time. We are very grateful to Pastor Chuck, Dorothy and their many members that host this event for us. They make us truly feel like family.

One can not pay for Christian friendship and we do not try. However, we did accept \$5 donations from the members in attendance, and gave \$250 to Pastor Chuck and church for use in helping those in need at Christmas time. We also gave them \$200 from our camp fund for use with mission needs.

This was a wonderful worship time, fellowship, and Christmas celebration for COM and Faith Missionary Baptist.

Now lets get ready for next year.

COM Merchandise

COM products – signs, shirts, jackets, etc., may be purchased locally or from a national source. KY COM has a local source through which we can purchase many of our products-designed for KY and occasionally some products may be on-hand. To check for products on-hand or purchase through our local source check with the KY COM President and/or Construction Project Coordinator. For the national COM product source/store - contact Joe & Barbara Rotunda, P.O. Box 3180, Mayo, FL 32066, e-mail: cebar@windstream.net or rotundasr@windstream.net, or call 386-208-8555 or 386-209-2118.

Louisiana

Greetings from Louisiana! The end of another year has come; my first full year as president. We ended the year with a request for 24 double bunk beds to be built for their two new cabins at Clara Springs Camp, near Coushatta, LA. With rain and cold, we still had 34 people attend to do the work. After the first day, several men requested more to do. The camp purchased material to build 6 picnic tables; 2 were finished with 4 more cut out ready to assemble. In 3 days we built and finished the beds along with the picnic tables. Isn't God great! He always provides the workers when and where they are needed. We have been blessed with 14 new members this year.

Preparations for the 2012 Rally continue. A small group went to Rayne, LA, to get more information and ideas. We met with the mayor and other city officials who are excited about us hosting the rally there. They have been very helpful in finalizing some decisions.

I met with a great encourager a few weeks ago. He told me something I had not thought of before, it is a privilege and honor



to host the national rally. I believe he has opened my eyes to a new way of thinking what God has in store for us in Rayne, LA, July, 2012. LA COM is hosting the National Rally with God's direction. We are His servants and it is for His glory that we do whatever He calls us to do. This is an invitation to everyone to attend the rally!

My prayer is that each of you will seek God's direction in making your decision to attend this 2012 event. Let's 'Seek God in the Bayou State' this summer. —Bill Austin

Mississippi

Our current officers are: President, Beverly Ellis, VP Rickey Youngblood, Sec. Edith Youngblood, Treas Philip Vanderhagen N. Area Rep Jim & Loretta Pender/Asst: Jim & Lisa Pender N. Area Rec. Melba Ford, S. Area Rep Hubert (JR) & Sarah Seals, S. Area Rec. Nancy Magee, Publicity Chairwoman Sarah McDaniel, Crafts Coord. Iris Lott; Asst. Alice Bridges, Chaplain Billy Ellis, Revival Chair. Harvey McCrimmon, Music Coord. Rickey Youngblood/Asst Jessie Bennett, Work Project Chaplain: Rev Bill Dowdy, Work Projects Coord. Elton (Bud) & Iris Lott

MSCOM Rally Dates 2012 are:

- S. Area Spring Rally - Feb 29 – Mar 4, Columbia, MS Expo Center
- N. Area Spring Rally-Apr 11 – 15, Central Hills, Kosciusko, MS
- State Rally - August 1 – 5, Central Hills, Kosciusko, MS
- N. Area Fall Rally - October 3 – 7, Central Hills, Kosciusko, MS
- S. Area Fall Rally - October 31 – Nov 4, Columbia, MS Expo Center

Revivals: A revival was held at Cherry Creek Baptist Church 2 - 5 October 2011 just prior to the North Area COM Fall Rally. There were seven rigs plus some drive-ins attending. One person was saved. A revival at Faithlove, Kosciusko, MS is pending. Tentative date is April 15 – 18, 2012. (more on this later). Please pray for Faithlove that they will be able to get a building for services.

The revival that was scheduled at Fellowship Baptist Church, Starkville, April 8 – 11, 2012 has been cancelled because the starting date was on Easter Sunday.

Welcome New Members: Rev Bennie & Etta Carlisle, 1606 Bates St, Pascagoula, MS, Glen and Dianne Brown, 2686 Oak Ridge Rd, West Point, MS.

Guests at last rally: Arvin McGrew, Columbia and Birch Bankston & wife, Columbia (We hope they are potential members)

Work projects: The work project at Hebron Baptist Church has been completed. The work project at Antioch Baptist Church, Union, near Philadelphia, MS is on-going. The COM work crew is currently on a much-deserved Christmas/New Year break. Bud & Iris, Project Coordinators reported: "We have completed all framing and most of the wiring. The first week of January, Bud will meet with Bro Ray Spence, Pastor, on the cabinets that need to be built. We will let everyone know just when the work will start back as soon as we decide what needs to be done next. The air conditioning installation is still in progress." Bud and Iris will notify everyone when this project starts up again. It will probably be the first week in January, weather permitting.

In Memoriam: Mickey Moore and Alton Barber beloved long-time campers graduated to heaven.

North Carolina

Plans continue for the Camp Meeting, April, 2012. We have arranged for gospel singing groups to bless us with music Friday and Saturday Afternoon. There will be seminars on Friday and Saturday Morning. Now is the time to send your registration to Denton Farm Park. You can find the form on our web site

www.nccmapersonmission.org. We wait expectedly to see what God is going to do that week end. Plan to come and be apart of this great weekend. NC Campers plan to be there all week so you can come early and have some fun and fellowship time. We will try to meet the needs of all campers.

This event is intended to reach the general public, potential campers, the lost and existing COM'ers. Please plan to attend and encourage others to attend.

We look forward to seeing you at the "Old Time Camp Meeting"

Something Big is About to Happen!
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NECOM

NEW ENGLAND COM hibernates during the winter months and a few snowbirds from the frozen northeast usually migrate to the south and southwest where they often participate in COM activities with those chapters. The Cornish's will no doubt be in Florida and the Books are headed to the Texas Rio Grande Valley where they will work for the winter at Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. National Refuges use lots of volunteers, usually offering a nice RV site with all the amenities at no cost for three of four days work each week. Tasks may involve normal maintenance like painting or trail upkeep and some specialty chores like visitor center staffing or tour guiding. The Books will work in the environmental education program, visiting schools and providing nature activities for children who may visit the refuge. If you might be interested in this interesting program, visit <http://www.volunteer.gov/gov/> for more information. Meanwhile, we are looking forward to our Spring Rally, postponed from October, 2011, due to Hurricane Irene. Come up and see us if you can!

Resurrection Baptist Church, 144 Elm Street, Montpelier, will host the 2012 Spring Rally of New England Campers on Mission. This year's rally will follow a slightly different format. On Friday afternoon, May 25, those who can come early will participate in a ministry project at the church or in the community. On Friday evening we will enjoy a barbeque at the Book's home north of Montpelier. After a brief business session on Saturday morning, May 26, we'll tour Vermont's State House and the renowned Morse Sugar Farm. Please put these dates on your calendar and let us know if you plan to be present. A limited number of RV hookups will be available. If you would like a hookup, it is imperative that you let us know as soon as possible. If you would like to participate but do not have access to an RV, housing might be available. Let us know your housing needs at dbcabot@aol.com.

NMCOM

New Mexico had a project in May at Sivell's Baptist Camp in the cool mountains near Cloudcroft. During the past few years chapter projects have decreased as average age of members has increased. Individual members have remained active.

Tentative NM projects for 2012 : Glorietta Conference Center in May to help get ready for the summer programs, Sivell's Baptist Camp in May to help prepare for summer youth programs, Merano Valley Baptist Church in Eagle Nest NM in June and NM Baptist Children's Home in Portales NM -- Dale Gray

NVCOM

Nevada COM is dividing into a Northern Nevada chapter and a Southern Nevada chapter. More details later.

NWCOM

Our Fall project was earlier this year but what a great event. There were 15 of us getting together to "adopt" a kitchen remodel at SAFE Family Ministries in Chehalis, WA. where we tore out the old and re-arranged the kitchen for the ladies going through the addiction program. This was our first time to provide the labor and all the materials to do the project. SAFE Family Ministries is a regular project for us. We try to give them one project each year, and this is a long time need. ANY teams that are looking for a place to serve, this is the ideal place. You can come for a week, or a month, they need your help.

We were contacted by Pastor Don Moor (SAFE Family Ministries director) at our November 2011 convention, where he ask for help with laborers this summer, I sent a request to Larry Davis, who posted the project along with prayer needs. On 12/1/11 I received a call from Howard with the Georgia chapter that wants to come to Washington with his team and help at a project. My point, if you don't ask for help, if you don't share a need. You don't get a reply. We ask, they answered. AMEN.

One of our charter couples, Harry and Sherry Hodgson are going through a VERY tough medical time with Harry fighting cancer. The chemo is not an easy thing and they both are asking for your prayers. Harry is one of our past Presidents and is a faithful servant. Please keep them in your prayers.

We have added 2 new couples to our chapter and are so excited to see new people come join our mission team. We try to encourage new members, sharing the fun and excitement of our ministry. Without new people, we will die on the vine.

OKCOM

Oklahoma COM had a busy fall! After a summer of interesting and unusual activities, including a delightful week with a dozen of our members serving meals to Native American kids among the nearly 2000 people attending our state Baptist Camp, Falls Creek. The children were very shy at first but after a day or two of special meals prepared just for them, they became more animated and interested in who we were and why we were feeding them. The relationships we formed with the children and their parents seem very strong and all of us want to return next year to serve them again.

September's bright spot was the celebration of the **35th Anniversary of OK COM**, Sept 14-17.

We had many sweet times of reminiscing and laughing over the varied blessed and special events we have undertaken to make our group valuable to the Oklahoma Baptists who have entrusted to us their plans for building, staffing camps, taking surveys, and myriad other occasions.

Shortly after the Rally over 20 couples went to help other builders at Camp Gruber near Muskogee OK in the construction of a large chapel ordered by the OK Governor as a place where the servicemen returning from the Middle East could have a special service of thanksgiving for God's protection while they were away. Our OK COM group constructed the steeple, prepared the footings for the heating and air conditioning equipment, helped to raise the walls on the chapel and presented a Godly influence on other workers coming from non-Christian backgrounds.

During the months of October and November from far NW OK to SE OK our builders have worked on camps and churches in a half dozen locations. Also, there have been presentations at 4 convention wide meetings of the work that COM'ers do with lots of opportunities to enlist new members and educate others concerning Campers On Mission in OK. Several COM chaplains and DR volunteers served at the OK State Fair, the Tulsa Fair, and the many disasters around the US.

The new year has drawn several members to LA to join with others in the construction on a church there.

SCCOM

God has blessed our chapter during 2011. His hand was on us as we traveled the miles, as we used our talents in construction, Disaster Relief clowning, or VBS, as we witnessed by word and deed to those we came in contact with, and as we shared His love

Each year the S. C. Chapter has two places that we have scheduled work weeks. The first is Lifeway/Ridgecrest which is a conference center located close to Ashville, N. C. Our group had 52 people who were involved in multiple projects while we were there in November. We also have scheduled work weeks at Camp Pine Hill which is a youth camp located between Bennettsville and Cheraw, South Carolina. The camp shares a week of fun as well as the plan of salvation to 600+ each summer and has 80+ salvations. Our group planted several pallets of grass, moved a deck to give access from a road to the Prayer Garden, yard work, built birdhouses and worm boxes, prepared a pad for the future chapel, and also painted.

Cathy Williams, 828-669-3589, the Volunteer Coordinator at Ridgecrest can always use volunteers. They have a saying: "Volunteers are not paid: not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!" Donald Foreman is the Camp Director at Camp Pine Hill and can be reached at 843-479-9081

(office) or 843-439-0555(cell).

White Oak Conference Center near Winnsboro, S. C. has a camp ground with water and electric but no sewer. SC COM will be installing sewer as soon as weather permits which will give us another opportunity to serve. The contact person is Tim Hughes and his office phone # is 803-227-6134.

Other opportunities where our members served were a church plant in Lake City, Florida, construction of educational rooms, offices, social hall in Jesup, Georgia. Others worked on a parsonage in Branch, Louisiana and with a church in Joplin, Missouri. Some worked in camps in Georgia, North Carolina, and Colorado. Wherever God plans an opening you can go.

During the fall, we have been blessed to have added to our numbers: Deborah Melton, Richard and Sybil Barnwell, and Bill and Lu Broome. WELCOME!!!!

Our first activity of the new year will be our Winter Gathering which is a luncheon, business meeting, and inspirational event on the first Saturday of 2012. Previously elected offices will be installed at this meeting. The officers for SC COM for 2012 are as follows: President: Wanda Lewis, 843-623-4541, w12@shtc.net, VP Sam Mobley, 803-420-0214, smobley1@bellsouth.net, Sec. Barbara Zawislak, 803-663-3383, bjzawislak@yahoo.com, Proj. Cord: J. R. McGee, 864-940-3881, jr33@wctel.net and John Flowers, 803-669-2289, johnjoyceflowers@aol.com, Chaplain: Melvin Thompson, 843-813-7902, mwjthompson@gmail.com, Membership Cord.: Mildred Branton, 803-687-0894, mildredmb@bellsouth.net

If you are looking for a way to serve our Father with talents that He has given you and enjoy the fellowship of other Christians, Campers on Mission in any chapter is a wonderful place to work and serve.

TNCOM

TRUCKERS CHRISTIAN CHAPEL (NORTH 40 TRUCK STOP MINISTRY'S): TNCOM member Bro. Earl Rienheart, in July 2002, went home to be with the LORD. Beginning in early 1996, Bro Earl started praying about a burden he had for truckers whom he came in contact with weekly when he visited the North 40 Truck Stop to buy fuel for his own needs. For several months, he and several members of his men's Sunday school class of his home church ministered to the truckers very early each Sunday morning at the truck stop.

This group would give out gospel tracts, CD's, Bibles and other information inviting the truckers to the worship service at their church a few miles away. However, very few of the truckers ever made an effort to go with Bro. Earl and the ministry group to attend the Sunday morning worship service at their church. The group realized the worship service must be brought to them.

In the fall of 1996, with the help of Bro. Earls' home church, an 8X12 portable building was then erected on adjacent propriety to the North 40 truck parking lot area on I- 40. A Sunday worship service began on December 01, of 1996.

For the past 15 years, the Truckers Christian Chapel at the North 40 Truck Stop at ex. #126 on Interstate 40, has been ministering



to the spiritual needs of many truck drivers who visit this facility every day. Chaplain Keith Willhite and his wife (Kelley), serve in this ministry most every Sunday with 3 morning worship services and one evening service. Bro. Keith, a Lay- Minister was part of the original group in 1996.

Today, plans have been completed and financial needs have been met to build a larger (12X20) Chapel sometime in the near future to replace the present one. Most of this ministry's financial support is thru the Carrol/Benton Baptist Association in the eastern part of West Tennessee. The TN. Chapter of COM has supported to this ministry thru several special ministry needs and projects from its beginning and until the present time. On any given Sunday, a group of COM members may be present to help and support thru prayer and personal needs of those involved in this ministry effort.

In the Texas COM Chapter newsletter of this past spring, an article under Direct Ministries by Bob Raus concerning truck stop ministry's was very helpful and informative. Bro. Bob had done his homework on information for a COM Chapter or member who was and should be spirit lead to start a trucker's ministry. He shared, as I refueled at a truck stop, I was reminded of the very different lifestyle the "over the road" trucker lives from most of us. The separation from family, layovers and idle time around the truck stop area with all sorts of temptations. He continues, most of the nearly 8 million commercially licensed drivers are not Christians, those that are, find themselves on the road many Sundays, and starved for Bible teaching and Christian fellowship. They all need someone who will listen to them, treat them with understanding, compassion, also share wise counsel and pray with them. He continued to give about five guidelines for anyone who may be considering a truck stop ministry. He shared a thought when just visiting a truck stop for any reason to be observant for trucker's who may be sitting alone. Introduce yourself and ask to join them to cultivate a relationship. Prayerfully allow the Holy Spirit to open the heart of the trucker for your witness then expect the Holy Spirit to work in a mighty way.

For the TN. Truckers Christian Chapel activity information go to north40chapel.org, however to contact the Ministry Chaplain by e-mail go to north40truckerschapel@gmail.com Blessings! Because of JESUS! - TNCOM Ministries

This is the second national COM newsletter which is based on chapter input. It's usefulness is contingent upon meeting your chapter needs and your chapter and members submitting articles. Please share your ideas on how the newsletter can be modified to better fit the needs of your chapter members. All input is appreciated.

This newsletter should also be used to share the COM with potential members, state liaisons, DOM's and others.— Editor

Ministry opportunities Seeking Volunteers

Region 5

Needed regional representative - someone willing to dedicate the next 3 years of their life doing mission work in region 5 which consist of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The region currently has 135+/- members and has plenty of room to grow. Candidate needs the leading of the Holy Spirit and a driving desire to grow God's Kingdom. They do not have to currently live in the region, just be willing to spend most of their time in the region. There will be no shortage of scenery or opportunities to improve. Please call Larry, 850-997-3864, to discuss this opportunity

Alabama

Please contact project or event leaders for the latest information about each scheduled project or event. Do not just show up at project as many projects completely fill available electrical and sewer space. Typically at Alabama construction projects some ladies work the project but most are involved in sewing or other outreach ministry opportunities.

Jan 9-Jan 27, 2012 - Camp Baldwin – **construction** - Elberta, AL - Pete McKnight
Jan 9-Jan 27, 2012 - St Paul Missionary Baptist Church – **construction** – Demopolis, AL - Glenn & Jeanette Whiddon
Feb 27-March 9, 2012 - Blackwood Church – **construction** - Headland, AL - Pete McKnight
Feb 27-March 16, 2012 - Raleigh's Place – **construction** - Clanton, AL - Ray Van Slyke
April 2-April 20, 2012 - Bethlehem Baptist Church – **construction** - Elba, AL - Ron McMonagle
April 25-April 28, 2012 - Alabama COM, Spring Rally - National Peanut Fair Grounds, Dothan, AL - Marc & Joyce Godwin
April 30-May 11, 2012 - Shocco Springs – **construction** - Talladega, AL - Wilton Whigham
May 1-May 6, 2012 - Raceway Ministries, Talladega Speedway - Richard Alford
Sept -Sept, 2012 - Alabama COM, Fall Rally
River Country Campground, Gadsden, AL - Wintford & Martha Haynes
Early Oct 2012 - Oneida Baptist Institute –

construction - Oneida, KY
Oct 2-Oct 7, 2012 - Raceway Ministries, Talladega Speedway - Richard Alford
Nov 2--Nov 10, 2012 - National Peanut Festival, Dothan, AL - Glenn & Jeanette Whiddon

Alabama Project/Event Leaders

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Cooks Needed Summer 2012:

July 1-8 Cullman, AL -- July 8-15 Guntersville, AL -- July 22-28 Cullman, AL
Two to four COMers are needed to cook for the Alabama Baptist RA Camps (100 to 120 campers). Good kitchen facilities. You will plan, purchase, prepare and serve the meals. Travel cost and meals are provided. Lodging available if you do not want to travel in you RV. Contact Julian "Steve" Stephens, Consultant: Baptist Men's Ministry/Challengers/Royal Ambassadors/RA Camp Director Liaison: AL Campers On Missions/AL Agriculture & Veterinarian Fellowship, Alabama State Board of Missions of the Alabama Baptist Convention, PO Box 11870, Montgomery, AL 36111-0870, 1-800-264-1225 ext.268, 334-288-2460 ext. 268, sstephens@alsbom.org

COM has committed to putting up sheet rock in the building of **St Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Demopolis, AL** from Jan 9 through Jan 27. The Church has rented Lifts for us to use. We have some on site now, but we desperately need additional COM'ers to help.

If you can come at any time during this period, please call Glenn Whiddon, 334-596-5108.

Florida

The Recreation Coordinator for the Florida Forest Service's Tallahassee Forestry Center has a host site available next year in Tate's Hell State Forest. (on the Ochlockonee River) Our current volunteer will be leaving due to health issues. Do you have anyone in your organization that maybe interested? I would be glad to discuss this further with any interested individuals.

Thank you, *Marti Miller*

Recreation Coordinator, Tall. Forestry Center, Florida Forest Service
865 Geddie Rd, Tallahassee Fl. 32304
Ph [850-487-3766](tel:850-487-3766) Fax [850-922-2107](tel:850-922-2107)

Lakeview Baptist Church Hudson, FL

The contactor is starting the foundation. The building shell should be standing by the first of February. Eight couples have committed to help on this project. Several more are needed. The needs are as follows;
1. A framing crew in February. I have a man that may be willing supervise the framing, but need workers to cut and nail. If a framing team wants to take on the framing that would be great.
2. We have a supervisor for the electrical team. Workers are needed to run wire and hang boxes. This will start as soon as there is framing to hang wires on hopefully in mid February.
3. Later we will need dry wall hangers. Pat Carlisle has a team to tape and finish the drywall.
4. There will be some suspended ceiling in the building.

The original church burned down about a year ago and they are rebuilding with a 60' by 90' steel building. It will have a worship center, 4 class rooms, and office, a big kitchen, a multipurpose room and restrooms. The interior framing will be wood and electrical will a combination of EMT and MC.

If you or someone you know can help with this project 25 miles north of Clearwater, Florida, please contact Dave Bowen, 919 740 4117, David@DavidBBowen.US or Pastor Bucky Buckwater, 727-457-5154, pastor-bucky@hotmail.com

Georgia

Global Youth Ministry in Chatsworth, Georgia was established to serve men and women who have a God-given desire to minister among young people throughout the world.

They are also looking for Christian volunteers to help operate this 150 acre facility which is located on top of Fort Mountain, just 2 miles from Fort Mountain State Park. Volunteers can park their RV's at the state park or they can stay in our facility rooms free, based on space available. Need to verify availability in advance. Mission volunteers meals range from \$2.50 to \$4.00. Coin operated washers and dryers are available on site. Christian volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis to help maintain the facilities. We need all skill levels of all the building/maintenance/landscaping/food services and housekeeping trades and willing learners. The work assignments will be based on length of time the volunteers plan to stay. A never ending list of needs varies from minor maintenance to major renovation. To work out the details of your mission visit contact Robert Nolen, Facility Manager, 877-251-1800, robert@globalyouthministry.org or Roger Glidewell. The facility is located near Dalton and Ellijay, GA. Both have tremendous shopping and visiting opportunities.

ILCOM

Projects scheduled for 2012:

April 11-14, work project in Lansing, IL re-roofing half a church and parsonage, take I-55 to route 80E to Lansing.

April 15-22, Streator work project doing whatever camp director needs done, take I-39 north to route 18E, go approximately 6-8 miles turn right before catholic church.

April 21-22, rally will be held at Streator March 13-19, add lean to to church at Marion First and construct add on to Utility School at Carterville, IL.

June - work at Carmi Children's Home.

July - National Rally

August - work project at Bartonville Baptist Church by Peoria airport, take I-55 north to 155N, then 155N to I-74 west, then I-74 west to I-474 west, then I-474 west to Airport Road, then Airport Road past army guard to first light, turn left.

September 16-21, work project at Salateska Baptist Camp, on route 127 half-way between Pinckney and Nashville, IL.

September 22-23, rally to be held at Salateska Baptist Camp.

For more information call Leroy Burnett at 309-253-8557 or Bob Greaves at 217-825-4534.

New England

(CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)

If you would be interested in helping Vermont rebuild, please contact me at

dbcabot@aol.com and I'll try to hook you up with some folks who could use your help.

David Book, Region 1 Representative

New Mexico

Tentative NMCOM projects for 2012:

1. Glorietta Conference Center in May to help get ready for the summer programs.
2. Sivell's Baptist Camp in May to help prepare for summer youth programs.
3. Merano Valley Baptist Church in Eagle Nest NM in June.
4. NM Baptist Children's Home in Portales NM

For details contact: Dale Gray, 505-884-7506, dbgray@globalcompassion.com

Northwest

(Idaho, Oregon, and Washington)

Northwest chapter has a request for a single female or a couple to be house parents to addicted and abused women & women with children. Don Moor at "SAFE" Family Ministries in Washington state can offer housing or full hook ups for your RV at the site. This ministry works to get women away from addictions. They are in the house for 1 year program. They work, go to classes and learn to walk a Christian lifestyle. You would assist in the training classes and if willing help with all those things done by moms and dads.

For more details contact; Kathy Anderson, President, gloryteam@msn.com or send hard request to 3200 NE 109 Ave, Vancouver, WA 98682

Tennessee

Volunteers needed in Tennessee at Linden Valley Conference Center: In the October COM National Newsletter, our TNCOM article mentioned a major construction project would probably be available to volunteers in the spring of 2012 for COM teams and or individuals. Please consider bringing a team to Linden Valley in Linden, Tennessee to work on the new Worship Center! A contractor has been engaged to erect the shell of the new worship center and the interior metal stud walls. Volunteers will then be needed to finish the interior work on the project. Teams/individuals will be housed and meals provided at the Linden Valley project. Several R/V, camper sites are available as well. While skilled craftsmen are needed for certain jobs, there is plenty of work for even the construction novice to complete. Volunteers are expected to be

needed April through September of 2012. The exact schedule cannot be determined until the contractor has completed the site work and poured the slab, all of which is subject to weather conditions during the winter months.

The following tasks will need to be completed at some point during the project are: Rough-in electrical & other electrical,- Insulation installation,- Drywall installation & finishing,- Interior painting,- Finish plumbing,- Install manmade stone veneer,- Install floor finishes (VCT tile and carpet squares),- Clean-up & furnishings set-up,- Landscaping, also volunteers can assist with non- construction projects that include: Exterior/interior painting,- Electrical/plumbing repairs,- Carpet cleaning,- Roofing,- Landscaping,- and Room renovations.

To Schedule your Team/Individual for work projects, Contact Tim Bearden, Sr. Manager of TBC Conference Center at Linden Valley, Tim Bearden, 877-354-6336, tbearden@tnbaptist.org

Hope to see you this spring and summer in Tennessee at Linden Valley. Blessings! -- TNCOM Ministries

KS/NECOM'ers Bob and Ruth Bennett share:

Every year Bob and Ruth Bennett serve as volunteers at the Webster Conference Center from April through October. Ruth spends much of her time in the kitchen and also serves as a camp nurse. Bob keeps busy doing carpentry and maintenance. The Bennett's are members of Kansas-Nebraska Campers on Mission, and members of Nall Avenue Baptist Church, Prairie Village, Kansas. The 2011 KS/NECOM spring rally at Webster Conference Center featured a time of sharing about volunteer projects in the past year. Ruth shared that as she was folding laundry, a summer staff member at WCC asked her about "this Jesus everyone is talking about." Ruth seized that opportunity to share. Ruth also finds that serving as a camp nurse opens doors to share Christ. Sometimes campers will come to the nurse complaining about a sore throat or a tummy ache. But talking to them reveals they are under the Holy Spirit's conviction. Other projects that may have been shared include: The Kansas-Nebraska Campers on Mission members have served in various parts of the country in the past year.

In the spring and summer, they have a

regular rotation of work projects, including: Webster Conference Center, Weir Baptist Camp, Weir, Kan., Riverside Baptist Church, Independence, Kan., Alpha Christian Children's Home, Perry, Kan.. The Salina Rescue Mission joined the list of Kansas-Nebraska COM work projects three years ago. It is housed in a three-story former barracks building on the old Schilling Air Force Base in southwest Salina, Kan. The campers replaced all the windows in the entire building. In 2011, they worked on remodeling the third floor to add more space for the mission. In the winter of 2010-2011, COM members served in Arizona and Texas. One group served at Valley Baptist Retreat, Mission, Texas, and the other group served at the New Tribes Mission Aviation Complex in southeast Arizona, 20 miles north of the Mexican border. In Texas, the men did such tasks as maintenance along with harvesting and packaging fruit. Valley Baptist Retreat has a citrus orchard, and fruit sales as a source of income. Visit the Web site at <http://valleybaptistretreat.org>. The women joined with other volunteers to make 250 quilts to give to people in need. They also sewed 2,000 stockings for the "Stockings & More" ministry.

"For the past 20 years, Edweina Peroni and volunteers from across the nation put together more than 200,000 Christmas stockings for children along the Texas-Mexico border and deep into Mexico giving meaning to Christmas," the Valley Baptist Retreat Web site says. "For most of the children, these are the only Christmas presents they will receive. And for many of them, this is the first time they learn of Jesus' birth is the reason for the holiday." The "Stockings have done far more than brighten a child's Christmas. They've opened avenues for churches to share the hope of Christ. I've heard stories of families coming to faith as a result of the stocking outreach," Peroni said on the Web site.

Some of the women also sewed dresses for girls in an orphanage.

In Arizona, COM members performed tasks ranging from scraping and painting awnings to constructing a house for a missionary. The COM women helped support a local Southern Baptist church by painting a classroom.

In other activities, camper ladies recently began a project to help raise funds for Webster Conference Center. They decorate flip flops to sell in the WCC Snack Shack. During the 2010 Campers on Mission spring rally at WCC, the women decorated 150 pairs of flip flops to sell in the Snack Shack. Each pair sells for \$6, and campers snatch them up. They continued this project during the 2011 spring rally.

The fall 2011 rally was held Sept. 23-25 at Weir Baptist Camp, Weir, Kan. The campers eagerly tackled a variety of projects during a September 2011 work project at Weir Baptist Camp, 12 miles southwest of Pittsburg, Kan. The work project was held in conjunction with the COM fall rally at the camp.

John and Jeanie Beall share their 2011 experiences:

We had a busy year as volunteer missionaries. We drove over 11,000 miles to work on 18 different projects. While visiting Jeanne's brother in Texas in January we were asked by a neighbor to work with the Texas Retiree Builders for two weeks in Lake Athens to help rebuild a church that had been destroyed by arson. We were one of 33 rigs parked on the church property. They have a wonderful support system of providing electrical service, propane refills and gray and black water service. We then attended the Baptist Builder's Roundtable in Shocco

Springs, Alabama with Dave Bowen as the NC-COM representative. This may have been the last Roundtable as NAMB will no longer support this activity. It proved to be a good place to network with other volunteers and find potential projects.

Then we spent 2 months working with the Bowens, the Maples, the Ledford's and several FLCOM'ers at Jay Bird Springs in Georgia doing a wide variety of construction and remodel work. After attending the NC-COM Spring Rally we spent a week at Cale Retreat in eastern North Carolina with several other NC-COM'ers helping get the facility ready for summer activities. Next stop was 2 weeks at Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, NC.

We then went to work two weeks in Lewisburg, Ohio helping to erect a steel building with the Buckeye Baptist Builders. This was a job we learned about while in Shocco Springs. From Ohio we traveled back to Jay Bird Springs for another week before going to the National COM Rally in Florida. One of the highlights at the National Rally was an offshore fishing trip where the Bealls and the Maples caught their limit of Red Snapper and out-fished everyone else on the charter boat. The fish was enjoyed throughout the summer.

On the way to our planned summer mission trip we stopped to visit some friends at a project in Virginia and changed plans so we could work one day to help them get caught up and ready to pour the concrete foundation. We learned about this project while working in Ohio.

We then spent June through September with Bob & Nancy Maple working at 8 different projects in New England and 2 in the Canadian Maritimes. This is the first time we have traveled and worked this way with another couple to a series of projects. Our skills and personalities were a good match and all four of us were well pleased with the trip. The projects were mostly construction and remodeling at youth camps, conference centers and church facilities. We parked our rigs in church yards, campgrounds and once in the back yard of a church member. While Bob and John did the construction type tasks, Nancy and Jeanne always found something productive to do including landscaping, cleaning and housekeeping, wall mural repair, food service, fence painting and even sorting nails. While painting a fence at a petting farm Jeanne got into a discussion with a Nanny goat who introduced her to a set of horns and left her with a rather large leg bruise. Our last planned project in New England was canceled and we were wondering what we could find to do when the September floods came to New England. On short notice we arranged to work 3 weeks in Bennington Vermont with the New England Disaster Relief team. This was our first experience doing "Mud Out" and we can testify that it is in fact hard and nasty work. Nancy helped the White Hat as an administrative assistant and Jeanne took charge of preparing the lunches and snacks for the teams to take with them. John got a chance to get some practical experience in Assessment to supplement the Disaster Relief training he took in 2010. We stayed an extra two days in Bennington after the Disaster Relief Center was shut down to help JR Mathews, a volunteer from Texas, finish a storage building for a local Christian school.

Along the way we had a great time enjoying the sights, tourist activities and good home cooking including a lobster dinner in Prince Edward Island. We rode the COG Railway to the top of Mount Washington, had a private cruise on a Lobster Boat at Prince Edward Island, visited Halifax Fort in Nova Scotia, visited

Peggy's Cove and lighthouse, and spent a day in historic downtown Boston.

After our Fall doctor visits and some rest time in the Carolinas we worked two weeks at the Georgia Baptist Conference Center in Toccoa. We learned of this ministry while at the Ohio project in May and did painting, landscaping, and foods service tasks. After this we spent another week at Ridgecrest with the SC-COM for their Fall work week working on a remodel project for staff housing.

On our way to Florida in November we scheduled a stop in Cornelia, Georgia to work 2 days on the Bailey House project where we helped set the windows. This is a project that still needs more volunteer labor and funds to purchase the needed materials.

To finish the year we went to Hope Children's Home in Tampa Florida for the month of December. John spent most of his time helping build two new cottages and Jeanne worked with the preschool children. This is another project we learned about from other volunteers in Ohio. This appears to be a well managed and

operated ministry that can almost always use volunteers.

We have located projects through friends, the periodical COM prayer requests sent by e-mail, State COM Newsletters, other COMers, local Directors of Missions, and State level Mission Directors. For us to locate projects we have needed to be very pro-active with numerous sources and then stay in frequent contact with the project managers prior to arriving. We also needed to be flexible and adaptable when projects were canceled, schedules changed or new opportunities came available.

We truly have been blessed by the people we have met and co-workers like the Maples. We have made many new friends and learned about more ministries that need volunteers. It has been a pleasure to work with so many different groups and organizations including Baptist Builders from several different states and Disaster Relief. While working with other organizations we always display the "Services Provided by NC-COM" sign and already have invitations to work in 2012 from the contacts we made this summer.

The **North Florida Fair** was exciting again this year. God showed up and showed off. We had only 27 volunteers and were within 10 days of having to abandon this ministry due to lack of workers. When we sent out an urgent request for help, God supplied all our needs in abundance. We had 55 volunteers by the end of those 10 days and still had 51 workers on the last day of the Fair - more than ever before on the last day!

The Lord led 65 people to faith and salvation this year. During the eleven days of the Fair, we presented fair-goers with 1250 salvation bracelets, 2250 balloons and about 2500 scripture cards and tracts. Each balloon was inscribed with "Jesus loves you". Face painting was a major attraction and gave us opportunity to share Jesus' love as at least 1000 faces were painted.

Follow-up is an important part of reaching out to those who pray to accept Jesus as Savior during the Fair. Letters are sent to each individual who shared their address with us. We also send the information to two local Baptist Associations, and to many local churches in the areas where the new Christians live. Prayer continues to go up after the COM'ers go home. Each year we have people return to the Mission Booth, stating they were saved there and telling us how the Lord has worked in their lives. That's what all the effort is about.

Campers on Mission have been working with the North Florida Fair since the Spring and National Rallies were held there in 1994. The Fair manager approached the Florida COM President, Jim (Durward) Tyler and invited COM to have a booth at the Fall Fair that year. Beginning with the Spring Fair in 1995, COM volunteers have been an integral part of the Fair operation. We are responsible for taking tickets at the gates and hosting in the exhibit buildings. In exchange for these activities, the Fair has provided us with campsites with electricity and water (dump station on the property), and a site on the concourse by the exhibit buildings for the "Fun Wagon" (also known as the Mission Booth). They have also made an annual donation to the Florida COM fund. During these years, 1,500 to 2,000 people have prayed to receive the Lord.

Each morning during the Fair, the day is started with a time of singing and prayer, along with devotion. Then the events of the previous day are reviewed and the day's assignments are made. While there are some very long and tiring days, we also have fun while we're in Tallahassee. One morning we have breakfast together at a local Christian buffet restaurant and we always have a covered dish luncheon one day. The crew gets together for fellowship when they're not on duty. Many of the volunteers have been coming year after year and look forward to the next one. The dates for the next Fair are November 2 - 12, 2012. If you are interested in working at the North Florida Fair next year, please contact Jane Raker (850-294-7448 or rakersacres@juno.com) or Barbara Dykes (813-763-0097 or rvkenandbarbie@gmail.com).



Charter Members: Elinor Roberts & Corean Pick



Charles & Joan Thompkins manned the gate



Barbara Dykes painting a pretty face



Proj Coordinators: Jim & Jane Raker and Ken & Barbara Dykes

That's All Folks!!!!

The content and quality of this newsletter reflects the input from chapter members and the great mission effort spent reaching the lost "AS we Go". Keep up the good work and start sending in articles that you would like included in the next national newsletter. The more we share, the more volunteers we'll have.