

cleftRock Retreat Center hosts mission team

By Mary Lee Silvers

Recently my husband and I had the privilege of going on our first mission trip with fourteen other members from Southeast and Northside Christian. We embarked on the Spring Appalachian Mission Trip on April 9th.

The friendships we developed not only within our group but with many other people touched our hearts and deepened our resolve to serve Him with our lives.

We stayed at a retreat center called cleftRock and this facility served as our home base during the mission trip.

This beautiful facility is located about 15 miles from Mt. Vernon, high up in the hills of Eastern Kentucky.

Our guest host, Bob & Eddie Fields, greeted us with open arms. They were still grieving over the tragic death of their only son, Todd, at the end of March. He was serving as a

missionary in Honduras, when he was killed by robbers as he was driving a passenger van filled with men. Todd left behind a wife and two children.

The funeral service was held in Mt. Vernon on April 5th. Todd's life was pointed out for Christ and the memorial service commemorating his life rocked Rockcastle County. Todd was loved by all who knew him. He showed everyone the love of Christ, following in his parent's footsteps.

This tragic event did not dissuade Bob & Eddie from insisting that we come to serve the people of Rockcastle County. They were such gracious hosts. They believe that Jesus Christ will use this event to bring others to salvation.

They shared their true faith with us and made us aware how important Christ was in helping them get through each day.

We ate breakfast at the retreat each morning served by E.B. & Sylvia Smith. These two beautiful people had recently come home from serving as teachers and missionaries in China for nearly a year. E.B. and

Sylvia were among the founding families of cleftRock Retreat Center. They came from their home in Lexington to serve our group during our stay. One evening, they shared their missionary experience with us, telling us how God used them in China to share the gospel.

Each morning, after breakfast, we would have prayer and set out into the community to provide a loving touch to those in need. The days were long but so enjoyable! God was always there, giving us strength to be His hands, feet and heart. We each knew by the end of the day that he would recharge our batteries for the next task ahead.

Phyllis Holbrook, a dedicated Christian who works for the community as a social worker, arranged our visits to the different homes in the area. She also arranged for lunches to be delivered to us each day and we always shared our lunches with the people we were serving.

The churches in the area (First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, Wildie Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, Wildie Christian Church of Mt. Vernon, Fairview Baptist Church, Ottawa Missionary Baptist Church and Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church) provided lunches and dinners. It was so encouraging to experience churches serving us and expressing

powerful interest in our mission effort in their community. We certainly didn't want for food. In fact, I believe some of us might have gained a few pounds. We were all so appreciative of their kindness and sweet spirit.

What we were most touched by, were the people we served. We met some wonderful people and had an opportunity to share our faith with them. We served elderly people, families that were struggling daily to meet their needs, families where one or more members had significant health problems, and people who were lonely. We cleaned homes, cleaned carpets, built wheelchair ramps, repaired floors, doors, ceilings and walls, rebuilt a small porch roof, repaired leaking roofs, built a wooden deck and helped in the construction of a new cabin.

I guess the most touching event for my husband and I was when we arrived at a home that housed the three young children and their mother. She worked so hard just to make ends meet and she needed help. The smiles and laughter we saw and heard with the children brought tears to our eyes. The children were so innocent and didn't seem to want for many of the everyday concerns we take for granted. Some of our team members played games with the kids, helped them to make fun shapes with Play-Doh, and gave them horseback rides.

We had prayer with each family at the end of our visits. They all were

very eager for prayer and fellowship.

We will always cherish our trip and the relationships we built, but most of all we will cherish what God had done for us on our walk with Him.

We know in our hearts that God led us in this direction and we also are confident that he will provide a way for us to serve Him on future mission trips.

"IT IS WRITTEN"

Today let's look at the 3 crosses of Calvary.

A Cross of Rebellion: One of the crosses next to the Lord, was a rebellious sinner. Being punished justly for his wrongs. Proud and arrogant, as he called and blasphemed the Lord. "And one of the malefactors which were hanged rallied on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us." Luke 23:39. This man symbolizes humanity in general, rebellious and sinful, but can only think of saving his own neck, not his soul, carnally minded unto the end.

A Cross of Repentance: Now the other thief, had joined in the railing. But as the seriousness and gravity of the situation began to sink in, he repented. "But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly: for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Luke 23:40-42. He accepted the responsibility of his sin, and humbled himself before the Lord. Jesus extended mercy.

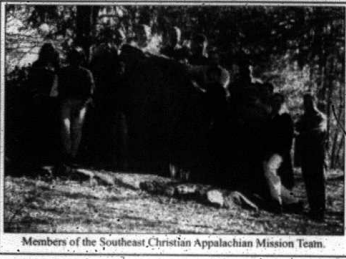
A Cross of Redemption: Now the cross of Jesus speaks to us of God's grace. God's love, God's mercy. The sinless Son of God, is suffering and dying for our sins and transgressions. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5. In this cross we see divine justice also. Rom 3:26. Have you turned in repentance to the cross of Christ?

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Senior Citizens-Pizza Hut Fund Raiser

Pizza Hut and Rockcastle Co. Senior Citizens are teaming up for a fund raiser on Thursday, June 5, 2003. Help support our local senior citizens center by dining at Pizza Hut in Mt. Vernon on the above date when 20% of all sales will go to the senior citizens program. Please come in or call Pizza Hut at 256-4713 on Thursday, June 5 and help support a much-needed service in our community.

Concealed Weapons Class

There will be a Concealed Weapons Class taught Saturday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cummins Sporting Goods on the 461 Bypass in Mt. Vernon. For more information, call 256-2182.

Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, June 1: No service.

Tuesday, June 2: No service.

Wednesday, June 3: Maple Grove, Orlando, Climax, Three Links.

Thursday, June 4: Spiro, Level Green and Williams.

CAP- Job Start

Are you looking for a job or just want to find a better job? At Jobstart, we offer a 12-week job training program that combines classroom and computer instruction with group discussion and hands-on activities. Our program will help you develop new skills while building on your existing talents. For more information, please call 256-9612. Classes are free, supplies are furnished.

GED Graduation

GED Graduation will be held Thursday, May 29th (today) at RCHS at 7pm. Rockcastle County Attorney Jeffery T. Burdette will be the speaker.

Free Screening

Free Mammare Breast Cancer Screening classes for any ladies group offered by the Rockcastle County Health Center. To schedule a class, call 606-256-2242 and ask for Ruth Lane.

Fish Fry at Cartersville

The Cartersville Ruritan will hold a fish fry Sat., May 31, from 4 to 8 p.m. All you can eat. Adults \$6 and Children \$3. The fish fry will be held on Harmons Lick Road, 1/4 mile off 954. Everyone welcome. Rain cancels.

Last Day of School

The last day of school is Friday.

Republican Party

Republican Party will meet second Monday of every month at Kastle Inn Restaurant at 6 p.m. until further notice.

Relay for Life meeting

The Rockcastle County Relay for Life meeting for Thursday, May 29th has been CANCELLED. Check The Signal for the next meeting.

Workshop

Looking for a Trade? A Higher Education? The Educational Opportunity Center can assist you with questions and paperwork about admissions and financial aid for college or technical training. Attend our workshop on June 3, beginning at 5 p.m. to learn more. The workshop is being held at Job Start in the CAP building; for more information, Call Ruth or Judy at 256-9612 or Marty at 606-875-0757.

Mt. Vernon High School Reunion

The Mt. Vernon High School Alumni Association reunion is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 13, 2003, the association is updating its mailing list of all MVHMS alumni. If your address has changed within the last two years, please contact Jackie Dick at (606) 256-4257 or write to 100 Tevis St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

The Class of 1970 will be inducted into the alumni association this year. The 1970 class members should contact Jackie Dick to provide current addresses.

The planning committee wants to ensure each alumna receives a personal invitation to the reunion. Your response is greatly appreciated.

Story Book Parade

There will be a Story Book Parade held at noon, during the annual Headwaters of the Dix River Fish Fry Festival. Children who wish to participate will enjoy a story from Broadhead Queen Rachel Childress. At 12:30, the Story Book Parade will commence. For more information on this event, please call Becky Bassell at Broadhead City Hall.

Narcotics Anonymous

Tired of drugs and/or alcohol controlling your life? Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous, every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more information, call 256-9263.

FOOD WORLD

AD PRICES VALID Tuesday, May 27 thru June 2, 2003



USDA Western Grain-Fed Beef Brisket

Shoulder Roast or Steaks

1.39

lb.



USDA Inspected Whole

Bnls. Pork Loin

1.89

lb.



24 oz. Shurfine

Spaghetti

Sauce

3/54

lb.



16 oz. KC

Masterpiece BBQ

Sauce

2/53

lb.

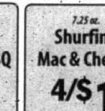


16 oz. Shurfine

Mac & Cheese

4/51

lb.

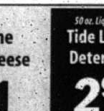


16 oz. Tide Liquid

Detergent

2/99

lb.



16 oz. Shurfine

Apple Juice

99¢

lb.



26-32 oz. Ass. Var.

Banquet

Entrees

4/53

lb.



5 lb. All Purpose or SR

Shurfine Flour

89¢

lb.



17.5 oz. Kellogg's Smacks or

Cocoa Krispies

2/55

lb.

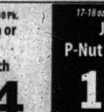


16 oz. Shurfine

White Bath Tissue

89¢

lb.



16 oz. Lasagna

Noodles

99¢

lb.

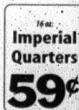


32 oz. Ass. Var.

Gatorade

99¢

lb.



16 oz. Imperial

Quarters

59¢

lb.



4 Qt. Ass. Var.

Family Pak Pails

Ice Cream

3/79

lb.

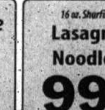


16 oz. Shurfine

White Bath Tissue

89¢

lb.



16 oz. Lasagna

Noodles

99¢

lb.



32 oz. Ass. Var.

Gatorade

99¢

lb.



24 oz. Shurfine

Ketchup

79¢

lb.



Sold in 10 lb. Bags

Gold Kid Young N-Tender Chicken

Leg Quarters

39¢

lb.

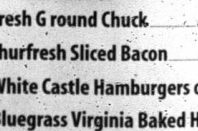


16 oz. Ass. Var.

Oscar Meyer Wieners

2/53

lb.

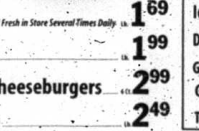


16 oz. Fresh G round

Chuck

1.69

lb.



16 oz. Shurfresh

Sliced Bacon

1.99

lb.

PRODUCE SALE	
California Peaches	1.49
California Red Plums	1.49
Dole Cauliflower	1.59
California Broccoli	99¢
Idaho Potatoes	1.49
Dole Caesar Salad	2.29
Georgia Sweet Vidalia Onions	79¢
Green Giant Carrots	99¢
Tomatoes	1.49