

Michigan group at Christ's Outreach

An almost all adult mission work group from Kalamazoo, Michigan, spent the week of April 27-May 3rd at Christ's Outreach for the Blind.

The group representing Southridge Reformed Church consisted of 16 adults and one adolescent, Amy Parks.

The entire group put in 507.5 volunteer hours at Christ's Outreach for the Blind. They were able to bring the landscaping of the fountain area in front of the Outreach closer to its completion.

Many of the group members labored for four days tilling the ground, picking up rocks, raking soil, ... until finally they were able to lay 120 square yards of bluegrass sod (donated from AGRI Sod in Lexington, Kentucky).

A skilled carpenter in the group was able to complete the crown molding in the cafeteria, and encase light fixtures in the Outreach. In addition, a plumber with help from

other group members installed bath-tubs and commodes in the remaining bedrooms.

This Christian group came to serve the Lord cheerfully. Becky Ringler, the group's leader said, "I was excited to be here. Finally! I had spoken to Mike so many times, I felt like we were old friends before we ever actually met. It was so obvious that God had brought us here. I was excited to see what He had in store for us through the week." In closing, Becky remarked, "I'm sorry to leave, but excited because we've already scheduled to come back the same week next year!"

Construction work will continue at Christ's Outreach for the Blind as mission teams from across the United States visit in June, July, and August. If you have any questions about this camp, please contact Mike Gates at 256-8858 or go to the contact page of the camp's website at www.blind19.com.



Mike Gates, far right, with volunteer workers at Christ's Outreach.

Rockcastle Health & Rehab Center holds employee appreciation picnic



Mike Towery, center, a member of the Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. Board of Directors, took time out to visit with the more than 200 employees who attended and thanked them for the service. Joining him, from left: Mike Deborde, administrator, and Beverly Morgan, director of nursing.



For those who had room after the lunch, which was catered by Shilo's Food, the dietary department provided an array of delicious desserts. Here, waiting to dish up some delights are Martina Alcorn, dietary manager, Joy Callahan, training director and Nel Hard, dietary.



Mary Simpson, right, one of more than 100 residents of Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center, Inc. enjoys a special treat during the facility's annual Employee Picnic, held June 6th. With her is Bridgette Wagers, an occupational therapy intern. Morning View Gospel Singers, in background, entertain the crowd.



Volunteers painting the walls at Christ's Outreach for the Blind.



Volunteers from Southridge Reformed Church.

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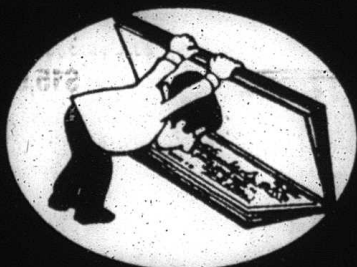
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