

Central Reformed from Iowa at Christ's Outreach for the Blind

The very first volunteer mission work group to Christ's Outreach in the spring of 2002 was from Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa.

This year Christ's Outreach has been fortunate to host not only one but two groups from Central Reformed. In addition, this church sponsored a volunteer family, the Hibmas, to live and work at Christ's Outreach for the Blind from January through the first week of May 2003. This year's first mission team was at the local camp for the blind and handicap during the week of May 4-9th. This group of twenty-two was mostly all adults. When asked what compelled them to come on this trip, Bill Roelofs responded, "At some point a person needs to put Christianity in action. This was the time."

These twenty-two team members worked a total of 869.5 hours and definitely accomplished much during their stay.

The weather allowed for them not only to do inside work but outside work as well. On the inside, the following jobs were done: cleaning kitchen equipment, painting molding, making a valance for the cafeteria, plumbing, hanging mini-blinds, stripping the cafeteria and kitchen floors, and drywalling. On the outside, the group was able to stain all the railing around the Outreach Building, mow, weedwhack, roto-till a garden, and

haul rocks for a wall.

The second group of nine (which was a youth group) arrived at Christ's Outreach for the Blind on June 8th. They were excited and ready to work. Jaclyn Boone, 17, explained how she felt upon their arrival. "I felt full of energy and ready to work and have fun. I thought that this would be a good trip to get away from all my earthly-home stuff, to let God work on me, to let me serve for God, and to get to know some different people in my Youth Fellowship."

Jaclyn's grandparents, Mary and Donna Boone, were in the very first group in 2002!

With so much zeal and zeal, the second mission team began working. The nine people were able to put in a total of 273.5 volunteer hours! The outside work consisted of varnishing the covered bridge and railing at the Outreach, mowing, weed-whacking, manicuring the sod, helping in the continued building of a rock wall, and making a road sign for the camp.

Christ's Outreach for the Blind thanks Central Reformed Church of Sioux Center, Iowa for all the prayers and support that it has provided over the past two years and all that it will provide in the future!

If you are interested in finding more out about Christ's Outreach for the Blind, please contact Mike Gates at 1-606-256-8888 or visit our website at www.blind19.com.



Hank Gate, Rob Van Riessen and Chris Ver Mulm building a rock wall.



Howard Beernink, Leslie Brommer and Bill Roelofs.



Mary Roetman, Gene Hiemstra and Paul Adkins.



Delores Harrison, Sher Hiemstra and Carol Adkins busy painting molding.



Pam Van Riessen varnishing the covered bridge.

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"It Is Written"

Have you ever felt the "pressures" of life? These things that come upon us can be used by the Lord to make us what we ought to be. Noticed in James 1:1-5, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience: But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. The various trials that come our way, that put "pressure" on us, can mold and shape our faith, to develop that wonderful quality called patience. If we let patience have her perfect work James said, it will cause us to be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. The manifold temptation, or "pressures" if you please, have as Peter says in 1 Peter 1:6-8, the same effect of gold being tried with fire. Gold has to be refined by the fire, it is what makes it pure. Even so, as we go through the fires of tribulations, persecutions, pressures of life, they are the things that make makes us what we ought to be. It builds strength in us, it makes us a work of being the best we can be for the Lord. It challenges us to draw near unto God. It also shows us our weaknesses and the areas wherein we need to grow. Yes, the "pressures" of life can either make us or break us, it all depends on whether we love the Lord or not. Rm 8:28.

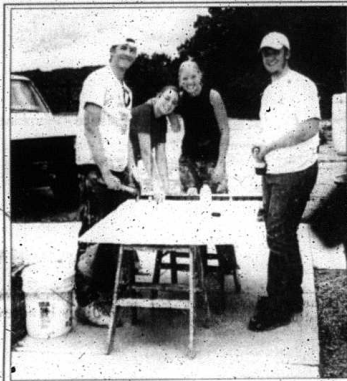
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Wednesday 7:00pm Radio program, Sunday 8am, 1460 AM



Brady Van-Kley, Emma Roetmann, Jaclyn Boone and Joe Tiersma making a sign for the road.



Marie Mouw and Delores Harrison painting molding.



Rob Van Riessen and Chris Ver Mulm varnishing the railing.

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