



MISSIONS TRIP to HOUSE OF HOPE CENTRAL OHIO

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2 Corinthians 4:15 NIV

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Sunset Avenue Church of God located in Asheboro, NC deployed a Missions team lead by Paul and Faith Trollinger to House of Hope Central Ohio located in Crooksville, OH. The purpose for this project was to minister encouragement to Ron & Kathy Kovacs directors of HOHCO, as well as performing several construction projects.

House of Hope Central Ohio is a beautiful manicured facility located on an 86 acre campus in the rolling hills of Morgan County Ohio. There are eight buildings on the property which include office building with classrooms, dormitory, bathhouse with twelve showers, worship center, large storage building, house for director to live in, small barn, picnic shelter with storage attached, complete RV campground with hookups, ball field, horse pasture and a fishing lake. HOHCO provides teenage boys a safe place, full of God's hope, forgiveness and grace. Teens are offered Christ-centered education programs, supplemented with Christian counseling, administered in a loving, home-style environment to reconcile and restore teens and their families



Work for the project started back in North Carolina three weeks before departure by two team members working to designed and cut to specs twelve student workstations with some pre-assembly and stain applied. These were loaded on one team member's van and transported to the job sight. Team members carried food for all the meals to be cooked on sight during the week. Each team member transport their tools that would be need to complete the job.

First work day was spent assembling and installing the student workstations in the class room. This involved removing baseboard, assembling and anchoring dividers to floor, cutting baseboard to fit inside workstations. Another group worked in the bathrooms of the worship center removing old plumbing, reworking rooms and electrical work. One team member started mowing as there were several acres to mow.



Second day work on workstations was completed. Two team members traveled 20 miles to town to purchase sheetrock, doors, baseboard and paint. Other team members installed new plumbing along with the installation of a new water heater, new electrical wiring was completed and they also started to put up the sheetrock. Baseboard was put in two dorm rooms.

Third day started with installing doors in dorm, some team members started painting the rooms. Work continued in the worship center hanging sheetrock in the bathrooms as well as along the front wall of the building, also additional plumbing in bathrooms. Another trip to town had to be made to get drop ceiling materials, more paint and addition building materials. New wall in dorm building was built and sheetrock attached. One team member continued to mow whenever he had the opportunity.



Fourth day involved additional sheetrock work, trimming out doors, painting and laying tile on bathroom floors. Installing of drop ceiling was started.

Fifth day; was the day everything had to be finished so a lot of activity was going on. Drop ceiling had to be completed, sinks & toilets were installed, bathroom doors hung, more painting. One more trip to town to get materials to finish work. The back of the worship was exposed to the weather so Tyvek was put across the entire wall.



Meals were prepared each day under the picnic shelter. Each morning after breakfast a team member presented a very encouraging devotion and prayer. On Friday evening to close out the week of work and fellowship everyone spent time in worship, singing and communion. HOHCO presented Sunset Avenue COG with a plaque of appreciation for their contribution and labors. Late in the evenings some team members went fishing with very good results.

To see additional pictures go to: www.sacogmissions.org; then click on photo gallery; then click House of Hope Ohio 2010.

Team members:
 David Ezell
 Terry Godwin
 Rodney Welch
 Lynn & Jackie McGinnis
 Paul & Faith Trollinger
 Jim & Debbie Vittie
 Milford & Dreama Whitaker

Directors HOHCO:
 Ron & Kathy Kovacs
 Shirley; Kathy's mother

