

Mission team volunteers at Christian Outreach

Christ's Outreach for the Blind, a non-profit, Christian-based camp in Mt. Vernon, hosted a mission team of four adults and six teenagers from Tabor United Church of Christ in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, August 11-17. Mike and Lori Gates, Directors of Christ's Outreach, have coordinated the work of mission groups from across the U.S. this summer.

"I think God is teaching us to look on the heart of people," said Joseph Hodden, Pastor of the church for five years. "We all have stereotypes of what we think blind people can do, what is going to be is archery, rappelling, things that we do not expect blind people to do," he said. The 800-acre camp for the blind and disabled continues to take shape as each mission team makes its own unique contribution. The team laid rocks around a large fountain in front of the center, finished the walls of four rooms and a large cafeteria and installed wood trim in lodge rooms and staff apartments. "The facilities are terrific," Hodden said. But what we really like is how personal it has been. Mike and Lori have eaten with us and shared devotions with us."

"We have liked being connected with Mike and his wife, his Mom and Dad," Catherine Irwin said. "We have been so inspired by their stories of what they have been through to get

to this point. We feel really blessed that we are going to be a part of this, that we helped. We are seriously considering coming back next year."

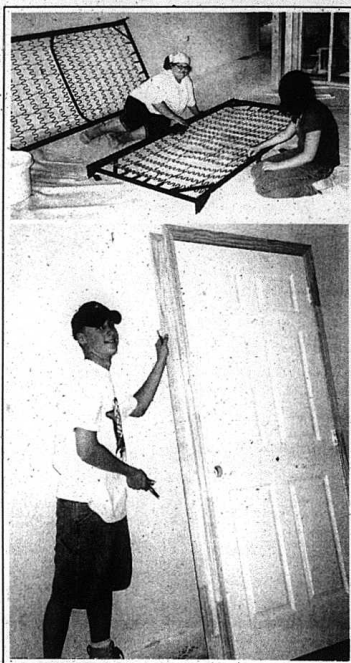
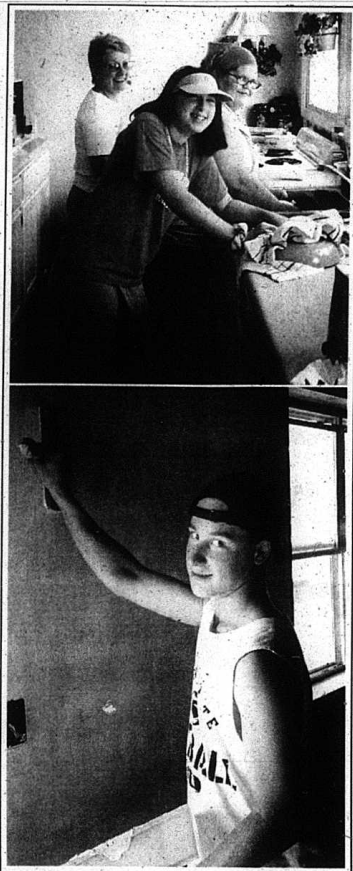
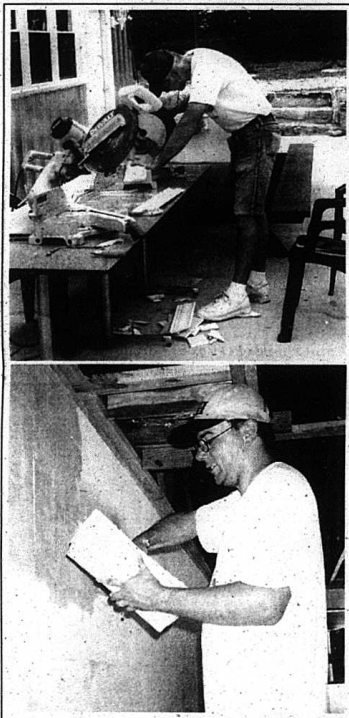
Youth volunteers, a driving force behind the work at Christ's Outreach this summer, have labored tirelessly to complete the camp. "He's (Gates) got a good thing going."

Ben Mauer, 16, said, "It should be very successful when we get it all up and running. It is awesome here. I would definitely come back."

Mike Gates, who was blinded in a hunting accident in 1989, enjoys interaction with the mission groups. With a grin, he told about teaching one of the young boys to drive a golf cart. "Oliver is 17 years old," Gates said. "He's going to try for his driver's license when he gets home. He can't wait until he tells his friends that he got his first driving instruction from a blind guy."

When Christ's Outreach for the Blind officially opens, it will accommodate 600 campers per year. Camping activities will include horseback riding, hunting, fishing, swimming, mountain climbing, hiking, rappelling, gardening and independent living skills.

If you have any questions about this camp for the blind and disabled, please call Mike Gates at 1-888-254-6319.



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Narcotics Anonymous

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

Alcohol Anonymous

Alcohol Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-2129.

Republican Party Meets

The Republican Party meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Kastle Inn.

Center Hours

Rockcastle County Senior Citizens and Day Health Care Center hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Mon-Fri.

Mission Hours

First Baptist Church Food and Clothing Mission's hours are Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Mission is located on 30 Church St., Mt. Vernon.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Sept. 9: St. Citizens, Day Health, Brindle Ridge.
Tues., Sept. 10: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lanero, Pine Hill.
Wed., Sept. 11: Ottawa, Bee Lick.

1992 Class Reunion

Class of 1992 Reunion scheduled for October 4th at 4:30 at the middle school. \$20 per person. Food will be served and DJ. Send registration to Aletha Cromer, Rt. 1 Box 498A, Broadhead, KY 40409.

Fire Season

Due to increase in fire activity in Kentucky the Kentucky Division Forestry is now taking applications for fall fire season. Call Co. Ranger 256-5031, Crew Leader 256-9884 or Crew Boss 256-0725.

SH-Sew

On Fri., Sept. 6 from 9 to 3, the Extension Office will have a SH-Sew. Bring your unfinished projects. Agent will be on hand to provide help if needed.

Fall Placements

Fall Placements at the Extension Office. Class if free and supplies are furnished. Call 256-2403 for details.

Hunter Education

A Hunter Education Course will be taught at the Rockcastle Co. Middle School Sept. 12, 13 & 14. Contact the Rockcastle Co. Extension Office at 256-2403 for more info.

Children's Quilts

Help make children's quilts. Volunteers are needed to assist in tying and hemming quilts to be donated to the local Baptist Food and Clothing Mission. Work sessions will be at the Extension Office on Sept. 13 & 20, 9 to 3. Call 256-2403 for details.

Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held at the Extension Office on Sept. 10 from 1-6 p.m.

Candlelight Prayer Vigil

There will be a candlelight prayer vigil at the downtown Mt. Vernon City Park at the gazebo Sept. 8th at 8:30 p.m. to kick off 100 Days of Prayer, Sept. 8-Dec. 16, 2002. This call to prayer by the Kentucky Baptist Convention is to improve the quality of prayers and the amount of time in prayer, to challenge groups of believers to concerted prayer and commit churches to being "houses of prayer." Prayer guides for the 100 Days of Prayer will be given out at the Candlelight Vigil. We urge all churches to attend and pray for God to change our country, state, nation and world.

Board Meeting

The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in special session Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. at Broadhead Elementary School. The public is welcome to attend.

Council Meeting

Roundstone Site-Based Council will meet the second Tuesday of each month for the 2002-03 school year unless noted otherwise. Meetings are scheduled for 3:30 in Room 105. Meeting dates are: Sept. 17, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 15 and May 13.

Fish Fry

Broadhead Vol. Fire Dept. and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their monthly fish fry Sat., Sept. 7th at the fire department. Carryovers start at 3:00 p.m. \$5 per carryover. Dishes in starts at 6:00 p.m. \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12. All proceeds go to the Broadhead Volunteer Fire Dept.

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