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Jeff LaFollette of the Gideon Bible Society presents a Bible to Debra Bornitz during the Greater Blessings ceremony at the completion of the roof project on Deb's home.

Photo by Judy

The Bornitz Great Blessings Project

On January 16 our Greater Blessings Committee members, Duane Little, Ellie Arguimbau, and Judy Blalack, met at Deb Bornitz's home. Also attending for the ceremony were Jeff LaFollette and Bill Conner from the Gideon Bible Society and neighbor, Shannon Wood.

We hoped this project which included insulating under the floor, removing unsafe steps, porch roof, & house roofing, and installing a new roof on her home. (Rich Wood helped with much of this labor.) However, the extreme heat, smoke from nearby forest fires, and instability of the roof trusses, caused a situation where work was completed when possible. Finally it was getting late and to insure that the roof would be safely installed, we hired Bogie and Sons to do its installation. Here we were fortunate since all roofing companies were overwhelmed after the horrific wind storm hit after Deb's was installed.



Secretary, Ellie, and Deb are ready to sign Deb's pledge to reimburse us for our expenses on her home—when she is able.

Breaking News

I just received this from Connor Ciment, coordinator of the Fuller Center Bike Adventurers. These bicyclists have been here twice before and helped with our projects: on Darnell Kriedeman's home and with 2 Greater Blessings projects, Bob Larson's roof and the Mace family's siding.

"I am excited to bring the Fuller Center Bike Adventure to Kellogg this year, and even more excited that we can offer a hand on active projects!"

We will be arriving in Kellogg on the afternoon of Friday, June 17th, and staying until the morning of Monday, June 20th. I look forward to planning a work day for Saturday, June 18th with the Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing!"

I have reserved a place for them to stay in the Kellogg Middle School. We are uncertain at this time whether we will be working on John "Boy" Delaney's home in Osburn or Smelterville so Kellogg is the logical place to stay.

Once again, we are looking for churches and/or organizations who will feed them. Since this time we expect 50 cyclists and 4 support people, it may be a good time to coordinate with another church for dinners. Our community has been very welcoming and helpful. These visitors are our spokespeople for the Silver Valley as they travel from the West Coast to the East Coast. Let's send them on as positive ambassadors.

Judy



This is my favorite shot of the Bike Adventurers when one fellow jumps high enough to staple the house wrap on the Kriedeman home in 2011.

....hereby we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit. And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father hath sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God.

1 John 4:13-15



This ramp was designed by Bob Otto and members of The Friends of Nehemiah group of the Pinehurst Community Bible Church in Pinehurst. With its metal grid, there should be little snow shoveling. ☺ *Photo by Bob Otto*

The Ramp

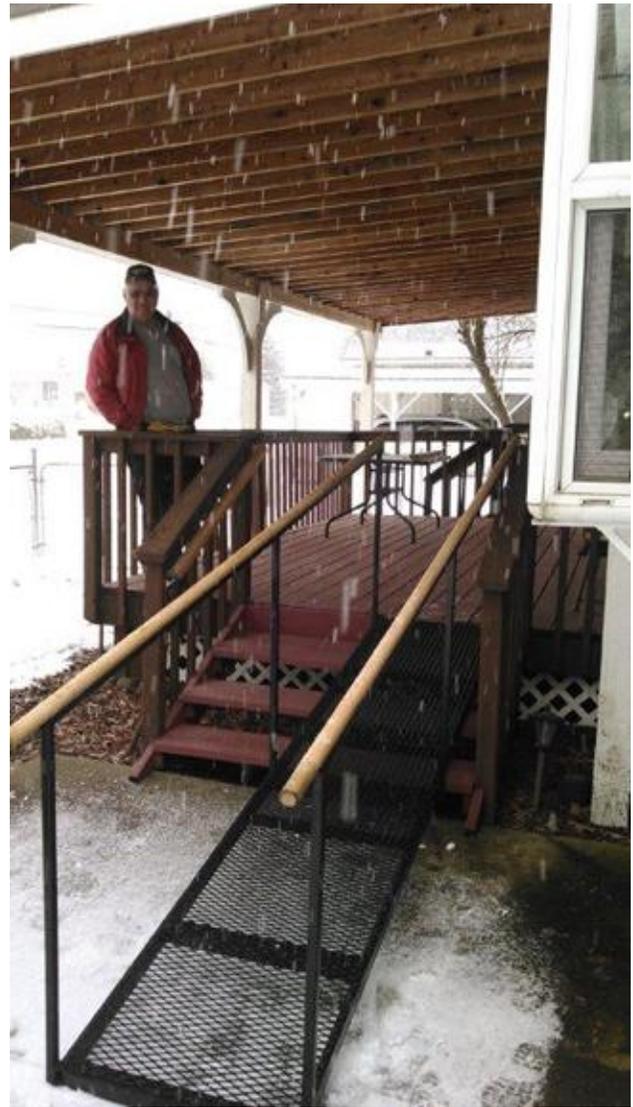
Awhile back, I received a call from a longtime friend, Manon Harris, who needed a ramp for her home. I explained that we were shorthanded at that time with our Greater Blessings program, but I would see what I could do. I remember seeing her at the Pinehurst Community Bible Church when I visited as a Habitat/Fuller Center liaison and also knew that the Ottos, one of our families, attended that church. Here is Beth's report:

Greetings to all our friend at SVFCH

Our every thought of you brings a smile to our faces! We, the Otto Family, received the third house built by your group and occupied in December of 1996. We benefit from having a wonderful warm home and a hand up from your efforts over the years! We would like to thank you all very much! We learned so much watching others helping us, especially Verne and Judy Blalack!

When Judy called and asked us if anyone in our church, Pinehurst Community Bible Church, could help one of our own members with a small construction project we agreed to "figure something out". We had just become aware of a group forming in our church called The Friends of Nehemiah, whose goal is to do just such work! So Bob worked with a team of helpers and got it done!

Our dear long term friend Manon Harris needed a ramp built on her porch, on her home in Osburn, to make getting out more convenient and safe for her and her guests. She was very pleased with the sturdy metal ramp that was designed, built, painted and installed by Bob Otto, Robert and Carolyn Stricklan and Rod Miller. Manon wrote a precious note of thanks to our church and we thought you too should share her gratitude with you! Thanks you for teaching us to put hands and feet to our Faith in Jesus Christ. Hugs from all the Ottos.



Robert Strickland stands on Manon Harris' deck after helping install the metal ramp. *Photo by Bob Otto*



Clint Kunze brings his new assistant, Aaron Burnside, to introduce him to our organization. As part of the process, Aaron will help at the store on Wednesday afternoons.



2016 Board members pose for the photo: Seated are Verne Blalack, Darnell Kriedeman, Mike Humphrey, and Ellie Arguimbau. Standing are Glory Carlile, Duane little, Kathy McPeak, Bob Larson, and Judy Blalack. Not shown are Ed Vang, and CJ Leetch.

Appreciation



Kathy McPeak presents a certification of appreciation to Kathy Sells, youth leader, and Bridgit Arkoosh, Principal, of the Holy Family Catholic School in Coeur d'Alene. For many years, this school's 8th grade comes to the valley at the end of their school year. They spend part of that time doing service work with us. *Photo by Judy*



Judy presents a certificate of appreciation to Costco Manager, Stephanie Suko. Costco frequently gives us certificates to use with various fund raisers and events throughout the year.

Photo by Kathy Mcpeak



Darnell Kriedeman presents a certificate to Mike Hayman. Mike welded a posthole digger that they needed at the Elliott stair site and had it ready overnight without charge.



For many years, Tomato Street has donated certificates we use as prizes for our annual Walk-A-Thon or our Christmas Raffle. Here, Judy presents an appreciation certificate to owner, Erkki Orange.

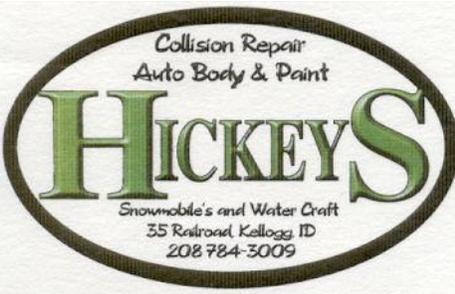


Denise Gibbons of Stein's Family Foods accepts a certificate from Judy. They donated all the beans for our baked beans at the Pig Roast and gave a significant discount on the meat for the event.



Brenda Ludwick and Isabelle Briggs hold their appreciation certificate at the Pinehurst Library. The library hosts Reiki clinics once a month and the donations from those attending go to non-profit organizations such as ours. *Photo by Judy*

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*From Ellie Arguimbau
In Memory of Barbara Fisher*

*From Friends of Lake Havasu Colorado River Adventures
In Memory of Loran McPeak*

*From Glenn & Marbie Higbee
In Memory of Loran McPeak*

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In Memory of Barbara Fisher*

*From Wayne & Debbie Kovash
In Memory of Judy Reagan*

ReUse Store Operating Fund

Becky & Hip Stein

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Coming Events

Feb 9—Board and Committee Meetings, 6:30 PM, Mt. View Congregational Church, Kellogg

Mar 11-12—Board Retreat, Mt. View Congregational Church, Kellogg

Greater Blessings Fund

Silver Valley Assembly of God Church, Judy & Verne Blalack, Shannon Souza, Bob Larson

☺ Honorarium ☺

From Pauline L Norris
In honor of Jerry White

We will truly miss these friends.



Barb Fisher is shown here at our Arts & Craft Fair booth several years ago. Barb was a member of our PR Committee and wrote many interviews for this newsletter.

Loran McPeak, at left, was a true gentleman, always helping us when he could with his trailer and whenever his wife, Kathy, needed something brought from home (especially when they were helping at the Pig Roast). He liked to keep busy and sharpened all the knives at the church when we hosted a dinner for Bike & Build.





Deb Bornitz holds her new Bible as she poses with Bill Conner, Duane Little, Jeff LaFollette, Ellie Arguimbau and Judy Blalack for a picture at our Greater Blessings ceremony at Deb's home. *Photo by Shannon Wood*



2016 SVFCH officers: Verne Blalack, Treasurer; Darnell Kriedeman, Vice President; Mike Humphrey, President; and Ellie Arguimbau, Secretary. Darnell has stepped in to fill the vacancy left by Marilyn White, who resigned from the board due to health reasons.



Bob Otto takes a shot of his co-workers and members of The Friends of Nehemiah in the Pinehurst Community Bible Church. Pictured here are Rod Miller and Robert & Carolyn Stricklan with the ramp they constructed and installed for Manon Harris. See story on page 2.



WISH LIST

Grant Writer

Volunteers to help with construction for our new homes and Greater Blessings projects—both supervisors and other helpers.

Coordinator(s) for our Dena Mora coffee site at the I-90 Rest Stop—have concession trailers for both sides and volunteers to spend a day, but need leaders.

***Volunteers to work at the ReUse Store—Needed now
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