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Our next Greater Blessings project will be completed by the Helping Hands group from the Real Life Ministries in Pinehurst. They will be repairing a porch roof attachment over her back door. Pictured here are Bob Whitman and Ellie Arguimbau from the Fuller Center for Housing; Scott Lewis and Dave Renner from Real Life Ministries; and homeowner, Dawn Crane.

Help from Helping Hands

We are indeed blessed to have the Real Life Ministries parishioners help us again. An existing roof attachment created many problems for Dawn with the abundant snow fall in Wallace this winter. Snow could not slide off her roof and so backed up enough that the electrical masthead broke off leaving her without power and water running under her door.



As Ellie and Dawn watch, Dave and Scott survey the existing roof that is not steep enough to allow the heavy snow to slide off Dawn's roof. They plan to start the rebuild after the weather warms and all the snow is gone.

Wilmer Martin is a Mennonite Pastor from Canada and board member of The Fuller Center for Housing in Americus, Georgia. I was struck by how eloquently he expressed the purpose of our organization with his opening prayer at the last board meeting. With his blessing, I am printing it here.
Judy Blalack

Our Purpose and Focus--

Fuller Center for housing is called to cultivate order; we are called to create beauty; we are called to contribute to abundance by eliminating Poverty housing.

Psalm 24: 1-4 "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. For he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, and who do not lift their souls to what is false."

Creation care has become a prominent topic among faith communities and Politicians over the last several decades. While there is disagreement about the degree of human responsibility for climate change and to what extent we limit human activity to preserve the natural order, at Fuller Center for Housing we orient ourselves around God's shalom intended for all people.

In 1990 Millard Fuller hired me to be the President & CEO of Habitat for Humanity Canada. I was walking with him in Americus, Georgia. I noticed he would stop to pick up trash on the sidewalk and the street. He would pull weeds out of the flower beds around the office and the Global Village. Millard said, "Wilmer, we need to be good examples as leaders. Trash lying around and weeds in flower beds breed poverty."

I still think of Millard's statement 32 years later. Fuller Center for Housing walks with God's children all over the world: Persons experiencing financial hardships, weather disasters and poverty. We trust God's reign on earth. Everything has its place; God has given humans a special role.

We are stewards of the earth, of our money, of our time. Fuller Center is committed to cultivate order, to create beauty and to eliminate poverty housing. Amen

Wilmer Martin
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Do not neglect the gift that is in you.

Timothy 4:14

Appreciation



Marco Rojo holds the appreciation certificate given to him by Bob Whitman for Casa de Oro's help with a prize for our fundraiser.



Bob Whitman captured this photo of Tom Sherman with his certificate thanking him for his help with our newsletter—*The Silver Bulletin*.



Zany holds his certificate presented by Judy for his help with a fundraising prize from Zanys Sunshine in Kellogg.




After Bob Whitman presented a thank you certificate to Rob Smith at Cogs in Wallace, we enjoyed visiting so much we forgot to have Rob hold it for this photo by Judy.

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Coming Events

- May 8—Mother's Day
- May 10—Board & Committee meetings, 5:30, Lions Club building, Pinehurst
- Jun 21—25th Annual Ride the Wall family bike event, 6 PM, at The Snake Pit, Enaville



While John Boy Delaney, Ray Guthmiller, and Verne Blalack wait, Ellie Arguimbau and Bob Whitman finish sorting the newsletters by city where we hand deliver them to cafes, waiting rooms, and businesses. We appreciate all who do the delivering of the 375 newsletters that are not mailed. We also send out 282 by email . *Photo by Judy*

At left: Casey Duncan explains his plans for constructing a shed to raffle during Pinehurst Days to Bev McKinney and Tami Atkins at April's board meeting.

Photo by Bob Whitman



Verne and Judy Blalack met with Kathy McFeeley and Tom Richards at the Snake Pit to organize our 25th Annual Ride the Wall. Years ago, Kathy was in charge of this event before her work took her out of the area. Now she is working part-time with the Kellogg School District and has time again to chair the event. She brought her willing and insightful helper, husband Jim McFeeley.

Tom said that the Pit will host the event again and will keep the cost of the BBQ the same as last year. Initial registration is \$45 with late registration at \$50. Registering early makes it more likely that your shirt will be available at the event. We are selling ads on the back of the shirts again for \$200.

Registration forms are included with this newsletter with instructions for registering online.

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In 2010 Rick Gilbert and Verne Blalack built the forms for the footings for a 2-bedroom home on Sunny Slopes for Darnell Kriedeman. After the footing was poured and utilities hooked up, Verne found an inexpensive fix-it-upper HUD home in Smeltonville where Darnell could walk to work. It has served her well.

Casey Duncan is hoping to be able to stabilize the site with some volunteer help. It would be lovely if we could finish this build for another family.



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