

January to June

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## *The Continuing Adventures*



It has been over six months since our last newsletter. When the letter went out in December, we were at Wishkah Valley Community Church in Washington. With tremendous help and sacrificial giving from the congregation, the educational building was paid for and ready for occupancy the end of March.

While on a project, Joe works on the building and I travel to the office in Longview. I would leave Wishkah on Monday and return on Friday every other week, staying in a room provided by the Hodges (HH4C founders). Cheap public transportation in Washington allowed me to go to and from Longview for a total of \$6.00, an expense covered by the office. While Joe is nailing, mudding or painting I am maintaining a database, doing newsletters, and regular office work.



As the Wishkah project was finishing, word came about the next project: a remodel in a small town about 30 minutes from Longview called Winlock. Joe ended up moving the RV, with help from Dave and Lee, from Wishkah while I was with my nephew Jackson in LA. This allowed my brother and sister-in-law to have a short vacation together. When I returned to Washington, the RV was set up at Christian Fellowship of Winlock and the tear-off of the old siding and brick was well under way. From this location, I go to the office Tuesday through Friday every week. On this project, Joe and some volunteers from the church replaced exterior windows, added insulation to hollow exterior walls, put on new siding, painted the outside and inside of the church and added a handicap ramp to a side entrance. These improvements were done after a new foyer was added to the main building last year by a contractor.



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In mid-May Joe was able to make a trip up Mt. Hood in Oregon with some folks from the Winlock church. As you can see in the picture, it was quite an adventure even though they did not quite make it to the summit!



On June 14, we went to the dedication for the educational building at Wishkah. It was a delight to be able to see all of our friends. During the ceremony, the church gave us the first copy of a pictorial book about the construction.

After the dedication we left for Leavenworth, WA for our 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. After spending a day there we headed to Newport, WA to take a look at a future project, the construction of a new sanctuary with bathrooms and offices. This project is set to start in August and run for about nine months.

Oh and we would love to hear from you! ☺ God Bless, Joe and Sherry

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