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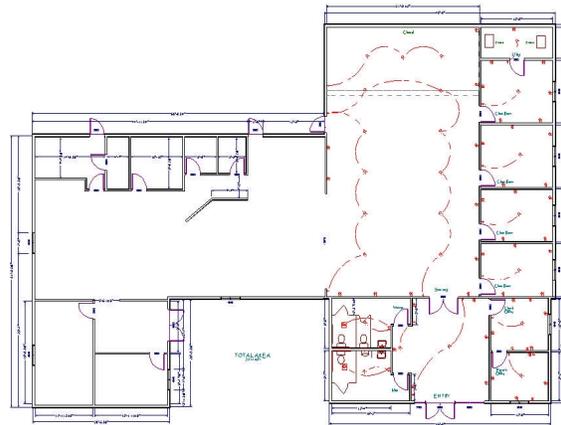
Featured Project

Beginning in April, 2006 the people of Callaway Community Church of Callaway, NE, will be erecting a new auditorium for their church. It will be slab and stick construction and will need all trades and ability levels. Dennis Korneychuk will be the project supervisor and he is already checking out the drawings and making plans for the project. There will be room on the jobsite for several RVs, so plan on taking yours and spending some time enjoying the fellowship of the Callaway people.

Don Boswell, Dennis and Darlene Korneychuk, and Byron Goodman meet with the board and pastor of the church last September to begin the process. After that meeting, Don drew the floor plan with indications of the electrical and mechanical layouts.

Let us know if you are interested in this one and

we will make arrangements for you to have a slot.



Existing Building

New Construction

From the Director



Jim and Jean Hodges

This year will likely bring lots of challenges to us as Christians. "Political correctness" is increasingly attacking our right to share our faith in public and in the work place. Last fall, the phrases "Happy Holidays" vs. "Merry Christmas" became a battlefield. In the past those words weren't a problem, but those vocally pushing to remove the true meaning of Christmas from the season raised the ire of those loyal to Jesus Christ whose birthday is the whole reason for celebrating.

"...Daniel ... prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime..." Daniel 6:10. Let's pick our battles wisely. What we do [in my opinion] should be based upon how we can best glorify God. There are lots of platforms to get on -- but trusting in Jesus and obeying God's Word is still the best way to live.

Look for opportunities to share your faith.

Remember, a witness is not telling someone to stop something like smoking or swearing. It is sharing the good news of salvation made available to all in Jesus Christ.

What does 2006 look like for Hard Hats for Christ?

Since Byron and Lois's arrival we have a full office staff. That means there will be someone to answer the phone Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5 PM. Brenda will still be in Tues through Friday with Thursday mornings off. Starting in January, Byron will cover the first days of the week, and Dave will work the last days of the week. So give us a call. Feel free to use our toll-free number, 1-888-423-5022.

Several new VCM's will be joining us soon. Our prayer is still for more staff willing to serve wherever needed, enabling us to give our missions and churches something positive to plan on. It continues to be very difficult to fill requests for help, when most volunteers want to serve only as "snowbirds", or in comfortable places at convenient times.

Pray for physically-able, mentally attuned volunteers who are free and willing to help on projects that do not fall into the "snowbird" or comfortable category.

One of Hard Hats for Christ's three main objectives is evangelism. Since I have not worked in the trade for four years, I do not rub shoulders with construction men very often. I have called and written many of our men about sharing their witnessing experiences. Less than 1 % responded. Evangelism seems not to be happening. I hope that will change this year. Many, many around us do not know Jesus. We must tell them how to be saved and why they need to be, before it is forever too late! Our office staff has a strong desire to stand in prayer with any of you willing to reach out to others. I will travel to meet with anyone who needs help sharing their faith. Give me a call.

Speaking about traveling, I hope to spend some time on the road this year visiting and encouraging our staff, volunteers and supporters. We could set up one-on-one visits, or small house meetings with you and some of your friends. I am available to speak or to share Hard Hats as opportunity arises.

Jean and I still have the care of her 100 year old father which needs to take priority. Think we have a couple of people now who can step in for short times. At 100, Milton is able to take care of all his personal needs, eat almost anything, work daily on his computer writing letters and updating his prophecy book in spite of being almost blind and very, very hard of hearing. What a joy to see a man so committed to Jesus Christ.

Join us in 2006. Let's work to meet the needs of fellow believers, and of those who need to know Jesus!

On the road in the VEEP-Jeep



Dave and Ann Williamson

If you called the office to talk to the Vice President in 2005, you probably didn't get me! I was on the road all but about 12 weeks last year. After doing a project in Europe in January and February, and a pre-construction consultation in Idaho in March, attending missions conferences, visiting supporting churches, doing a roofing project in California, and hosting the 35th Anniversary banquet in Longview in April, I squeezed in a siding project at Ft. Dick Bible Church (California) with Duane Atkinson in May before heading to Deary, Idaho for the summer. Let's see, somewhere in there we also flew to Colorado for a couple of Hard Hats 35th Anniversary events!

With church members and many Hard Hats we did get the roof on in Deary by September, PTL! Fall found us all over the map, at missions conferences, reunions, and Hard Hats events in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and South Carolina. The project at our sending church in SC was delayed, but we used the time to contact many faithful supporters, and to do some partnership development along with spreading the word about Hard Hats for Christ.

While in the Southeast I took the opportunity to go to Biloxi, MS and Covington, LA to join Hard Hats doing Katrina-rebuild work in the Gulf. The need is astounding! **We could have teams there for a year or two. Would you be a part for short or long term?** There are RV sites available in Biloxi. Compassion Ministries, in Covington, can use up to nine Hard



Hats "staffers" at a time, to help coordinate the teams of 50 to 100 men and women who cycle through there each week. They are doing a lot of spiritual counseling and soul winning along with the physical help they are lending to people whose lives were devastated by the hurricane. **You will be blessed by being there!**

During one of my rare stints at the home office, I got a call from George Washington. This did not surprise me (in 2004 I talked on the phone to Moses, who was in France at the time.!) George is a Liberian evangelist who believes God is calling him and his family to be Hard Hats for Christ missionaries in Africa. An American contact visited Liberia and confirmed that George is genuine, PTL! In fact, several hundred people have come to faith through his work in the past year. We are doing what we can to link George with existing evangelical ministries already at work in Liberia. One of these days I'm confident we'll be putting together a team to do a project there. **Are you ready to go?**

Our Finishers Project membership and our website are beginning to pay off in terms of recruitment. We had several new couples come on board last year, and several more seriously interested ones in the wings. **Please pray for more volunteers and staff!**

Finally, I am pleased and appreciative of the job that Byron Goodman is doing as our new Project Coordinator. Without him efficiently taking on many duties at the home office, we could not have been away this past year. I am looking forward to working with Byron in '06. Rumor has it the Board will promote me to President in March. Pray for the upcoming leadership transition here at Hard Hats.

Missionary Reports



Dick and Vi Avis

After spending the first part of September making phone calls for the upcoming project in Chandler, AZ, we finally packed up things and began the trek west. We had to stop in Colorado to pick up our trailer before we could complete the trip to Chandler, so the trip was rather round-about.

The months of October through December were spent doing leg-work for the Faith Community Church and in meetings with their Board to discuss the project. It was decided to delay the major part of the project for a year to allow the Church to complete their fund-raising and to complete the revisions to the plans that were necessary. This winter we will be doing the excavation, under-slab work, and flatwork, with Phase II scheduled for next Fall.



Duane and Kenny Atkinson

Except for the last two weeks I spent September on vacation, working on my own house. Then I went to Madison House in Portland to help remodel

the bathroom. October through December I was in Woodland, WA, as supervisor on the Clover Valley Community Church project.

I also went to preach at the Columbia Bible church and attended a drywall seminar at JLCLIVE in Portland.



Dennis and Darlene Korneychuk

Early September found us visiting supporters before going to Newell, ND, to do a "small" project dealing with their sewer lines. I also repaired some damages areas on the church and the parsonage. Then it was back to the house and a general clean-up of the trailer and truck.

We traveled to Callaway, NE, to see the project we will be heading up there beginning in April, 2006.

In October we moved on to Chandler, AZ, only to find that the project there had been delayed for a while, so we went to Youth Haven where we spent the rest of the year remodeling the office center.

From the Project Coordinator



Byron and Lois Goodman

Lois and I traveled to the Philadelphia area on the 2nd of September and spent a couple of days visiting with our son, Scott, and his family.

While there, we drove to Monaca, PA, to visit Calvary Baptist Church, one of our supporting churches and our home church. I delivered the morning message, based on Nehemiah. We then drove 4 hours east to Montoursville, PA, where we gave a missions update report at the Community Baptist Church, another of our supporting churches. We returned to Kelso, on the 7th.

On the 20th and 21st, Duane Atkinson, Lou Aschenbrenner, and I worked on the Madison House in Portland, OR, remodeling one of the bathrooms.

My next trip was only a few days later when I flew to Omaha, NE, on the 23rd, and was picked up by Don Boswell, a contractor and Hard Hats associate, who lives there. He and I drove to Callaway, NE, the next morning, for a meeting with the Pastor and Board of the Callaway Community Church. After a three hour meeting and consultation, we returned to Omaha and I returned to Kelso the next day.

On the 27th, Jim Hodges and I drove to the

Chehalis Valley Baptist Church where we inspected the building and discussed renovation options with them.

On the 29th, Dave and Irene Lewis, of Next Step Ministries, and good friends from Thailand, visited us and we spent considerable time discussing their upcoming project in southern Indiana. Lois and I are tentatively planning on spending two months working on this project next summer.

After a hectic time in September, October was much quieter, with only one trip to a project, and that was only 25 miles from the office. Jim Hodges and I visited the Clover Valley project in Woodland, WA, to meet with the crew working there and with the Pastor. The rest of the month was spent working in the office during the mornings and working on remodeling Dad's new house in the afternoons. I did attend the Pastors' breakfast in Clatskanie, OR with Jim Hodges and Don Wantland and published the ActionGram.

November was another quiet month with one trip to the Clover Valley project and a missions conference in the Portland area. The rest of the time was spent in the office working on volunteer recruitment and communications. November found the Moreland Church project starting up again with the plans being drawn up by David Brittell of TreeHouse Inc, Design and Development. After several months of having the

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project stuck in engineering it was great to see it moving forward once again. It still looks like this project will be moving into the demolition stage this Spring, as soon as the weather breaks.

December was another month of travel. We attended the dedication of the Romanian Baptist Church, in Phoenix, AZ, a church we worked on for six months in 2003. I spoke briefly at the 3-hour morning service and then Lois and I sang a duet later in the service. The evening service was no shorter. We also visited three other projects while we were in Arizona, seeing Dick and Vi Avis in Chandler and Dennis and Darlene Korneychuk at Youth Haven as well as visiting the Noel EM Church in Tucson.

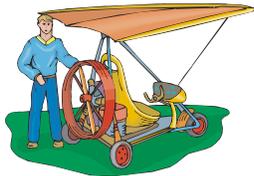
It looks like the project scheduled for West

Irian in 2007 has been put on the back burner for the foreseeable future due to some decisions by Crossworld Ministries, the host agency. We will be going to Crowsborough, East Sussex, England, however, and still have a couple of slots open for that trip. If you have an interest in joining up with this team, I would suggest you get to me ASAP, since the slots will fill quickly.

Also keep in mind that Callaway, NE, and Portland, OR, Aberdeen, WA, and southern Indiana will all have projects going this summer. Let me know where you want to go and I will try to arrange a spot for you. Each of these projects will be needing people from all trades, including broom pushers. Let's not wait until the last minute to get signed up for one of these.

World in Need Project

Crowsborough, East Sussex, UK



Here is your chance to take a vacation, and visit the U.K. for 5 to 6 weeks. For less than \$2000.00 per person, you can visit the village of Crowsborough, East Sussex, located southwest of London, and help out those at World in Need. Housing on the project is free (we will be staying in homes) and some of the meals will be provided (same homes).

They are looking to add a second story addition to their existing building to house two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a small kitchen unit. We will need all trades including framing, electrical, plumbing, finish work, window washing, and general cleanup. Since you have the skills for at least one of these jobs, why not join us for a time of great fellowship?! Who knows, we might even shake loose for a trip or two to the Big Town. It's only an hour away by train and nobody works all the time!

Unlike many of our overseas trips, no shots or visas (unless your plastic is VISA) are required. The open slots (less than 5 of them) won't last long at this rate. So.....

Give me a call at 360-423-5022, grab your favorite hammer and a change of clothes, and LET'S GO!!!! If you call me at 888-423-5022, we can talk on my dime!

