



AN UNEXPECTED SACRED GROUND

by Sarah Baum, Kind at Heart

Some days are “take off your shoes” kind of days; though one might not typically classify a trailer park as holy ground . . .

The smells of paint and freshly cut grass fill the air. They occupy the same space as the sound of voices singing from beneath the carport: “Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus.” It’s a little unusual to come across a Sunday morning service on a Tuesday afternoon. . .but it’s one of the most beautiful things to be experienced in all of Northwest Arkansas.

When some hear the word “church” the first thing that

comes to mind is a building—a dedicated space for believers to gather; everyone dressed in their Sunday best.

But on a Service Team Work Day, our “Sunday best” is a good pair of work jeans and a little dirt under the fingernails. On a Service Team Work Day, our church offering is found in the stroke of a paintbrush over a weathered wheelchair ramp . . . a garden bed made new for the spring planting season.

What started with one client in need of a wheelchair ramp has turned into a unique opportunity to impact the lives of 16 of his/her neighbors; all of them living in a trailer park in Siloam Springs. And this Spring alone, volunteers and staff have invested over 150 hours into

quality of life improvements for these people we’ve grown to love.

People like Virginia and Bo—two women who have become like sisters over the past few years. And people like Richard, who mowed multiple yards weekly and would retrieve neighbor’s trash bins for as long as his health allowed (and then some).

When all is said and done and all the tools are packed away, we hope we’ve left the trailer park a little more holy (set apart for the Lord). As my mama taught me, always leave something better than you found it. . .

... truth is, we all leave here a little changed somehow.

17 NEIGHBORS
to serve in a one-block radius

139 HOURS
of Volunteer Work

30 PROJECTS
completed for our friends

NO STRINGS ATTACHED

by Wayne Thomas, Founder & Director

All throughout my life I thought that “honor” and “respect” were the same thing. It was not until I got to know Mr. Abner, at the young age of 95 years old, that I learned *respect is something you must earn; honor is something that is given freely.*

Some time later, Mr. Abner asked me a question: “Why do you help me when you don’t know me and I can’t pay you?” My response to him was, “Because if I were you I would want someone to help me.” He was slow to respond: “I don’t think anyone has done something for me for free. This reminds me of the way it used to be in my early



Mr. Abner was a very independent man. He had a dream and task on his hands to build a 40 X 80 workshop with live-in quarters. . . a structure that he designed himself. After a long day of working on the project, Mr. Abner tripped and fell up the steps to his mobile home.

Kind at Heart learned about his accident and stepped in to help. With his blessing, we made his home safer with the addition of a small porch and ramp.

days.” Initially puzzled at his response, I began to realize that “respect” and “honor” are truly different. Loving someone with “no strings attached” is the way to show honor. Is it possible that we have lost hold of the true meaning of honor over the years?

My prayer is that Kind at Heart will transform our culture. . . that we can be used by God to put the heart back into “honor.”

Wayne Thomas



MARY & MARTHA TEAM MAKES HOME SWEETER



A GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM PLANTS FLOWERS



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DAYSFRING TEAM PAINTS NEW OFFICE SPACE



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KIND AT HEART HOSTS 6TH ANNUAL HONOR BANQUET



Brandon Wimberly SERVICE TEAM VOLUNTEER

"Meeting practical needs is one of the most authentic ways we can love others and live the Gospel. I'm always grateful for the opportunity to serve with the Kind at Heart team. They are a true gift to our community and are making a profound difference."

SERVICE TEAMS & THEIR IMPACT

Getting to know our clients/neighbors isn't just about seeing a need. It's about seeing the person. In the fight to maintain independence and purpose, too many of our friends are unable to take care of home maintenance needs and general upkeep of their "homestead." The best of gardeners struggles to keep the weeds from starving his favorite blooms. The best of hostesses silently grieves as her beautiful home loses its vibrancy.

But it doesn't have to be that way! Through the investment of Volunteer Service Teams, we are able to take the idea of "Love Your Neighbor" to great heights. A few hours of yard work, painting, planting flowers, and/or staining a wheelchair ramp may be all it takes to bring a sense of identity and pride back to those we love and those we are called to love.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFO ON PARTICIPATING IN A SERVICE TEAM OPPORTUNITY, GIVE US A CALL AT (479) 373-6281.

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Sandra Mooney



You will often find Sandra with a camera in hand, taking pictures for Kind at Heart activities/events. She also is a major force in planning banquets for the ministry and is an Encourager for one of our clients/neighbors. She is truly the picture of community service at its finest.



Ron Mooney

Ron has been a long-time champion of the ministry and pivotal part of ministry development. Since retirement from selling State Farm insurance, Ron has been volunteering his time bringing more champions and Kingdom builders to the table. He has gone from being "Like a Good Neighbor" to being a GREAT NEIGHBOR to people in our community!

THE DYNAMIC DUO

True partnership in the gospel is an incredible thing to "possess," and we are humbled by the ongoing investment of Ron and Sandra Mooney in the Kind at Heart ministry. This beautiful couple is the REAL DEAL! They love big, they serve big, and they regularly draw others to participate in servant leadership in their community. We truly would not be the ministry we are today without their input and investment. May their lives be an example of how to be united in marriage and mission!



To stay up-to-date on ministry happenings, neighbor stories, and all-around good stuff, be sure to **follow us on Facebook** and sign up for **monthly e-news** at www.kindatheart.org/email.