



Founder's Flashback

Dear Friends and Family,

It's Spring! Oh boy! That means we're excited about the big "clean-up" after the winter's woes. We bring out the rakes and brooms, check on the condition of the lawn mower and get busy with the "clean-up." Here at GHH, the goal of our summer series is to "clean-up" and get rid of the "Monsters in Our Life." There is some history to this series. It was developed in 1980 for the very first VBS officially conducted by God's Helping Hands. It has been used several times over the past 35 years and will be used again in 2015. The idea is to face the big "clean-up" needed in our lives. We need to recognize our monsters like Eddie Envy, Finnian Fear, Willy Worry, Andy Angry and Prunella Pride. A little boy puppet daily meets a different monster puppet in various places of his bedroom (under the bed, in the closet etc.). The Monster Exterminator puppet saves the day by teaching how to conquer those nasty monsters using Galatians 5:16 as the theme verse. The story of the life of Joseph demonstrates the victory God gives when we submit to him. We have found in the past that even the teachers in the VBS have found this a good challenge to their lives.



Shirley has her own corner at the office where she spends her time communicating with the kids in her discipleship class. You can see from the picture that she uses a variety of items to accomplish this. Very seldom will you find her desk neat. She uses the Bible, the lessons themselves, plus gifts, birthday cards, certificates, e-mail, personal notes, and fun stickers to keep their interest going. There are always excuses

when they fall behind in their lessons. The most frequent ones are "too much homework" or "they couldn't find it until they cleaned their room." She loves the notes received like this comment from a 15-year-old girl: "People are crazy to not believe in God and what he has done." To Shirley's delight, four of her beautiful great-granddaughters (12,9,8 and 5 years old) are participating in the lessons. It's a great way to keep in touch.





Recently, Bob needed to find parts for his 55-year-old air brush. As he searched the internet for parts, he found that this antique is not even produced anymore. That meant he had to replace it completely. He uses this tool to put some character on puppet faces. From a distance, the wrinkles in Grandma's forehead, bags under Grandpa's eyes, or highlighted red nose on the wrangler suddenly appear more realistic from air brushing paint on the puppet's face.

For years, we have had family living in our basement apartment but that is no longer true. Bob's desire is to have his art studio down there to make use of the north light from the picture window. With the empty area, it appears that his dream could come true. However, the doctor has told him he is not to do stairs because of his dizziness and shortness of breath related to his Congestive Heart diagnosis. So our oldest son, Bob Jr., his wife, and stepson have been coming to our home every Saturday to work on preparation to install a chair lift. Bob is anxiously looking forward to the day it is finished.

PRAISE

1. For our children who help us with various needs. Robin and Jeff are only 5 miles away (except when traveling) and have said, "Call us anytime of the night or day if you have a need." And we have done that!
2. We are looking forward to our son, Brian, his wife and two youngest children coming from Phoenix, AZ for a visit this summer.
3. For 40 kids continuing to grow in their faith through the Bible lessons
4. For staff that is dedicated to serving the Lord.

PRAYER

1. For the hearts of those children who will hear the gospel message this summer. Pray they might hear and understand the love of Jesus.
2. Conversion of Knobloch's bus scheduled to be on the road 2016.
3. Possibility of a student from Frontier School of the Bible serving her internship with God's Helping Hands.

We are constantly praising the Good Lord for people such as yourself who are interested in missions and have chosen to be a part of GHH with prayer and financial gifts. We pray for you as you pray for us.

Because of Jesus,

Bob and Shirley Friedl

