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## ***From Our Mission Director***

Dear Friends of Rock Haven,

The staff and I are looking forward to the many opportunities to do ministry in 2023. In the last 6 weeks we have had visioning and planning meetings to prepare ourselves and the camp facilities. I am grateful for a staff that works diligently and often behind the scenes to accomplish everything that needs to be done so that Rock Haven Ministries can continue to be a part of the work of God's Kingdom.

January was a busy month for several reasons. Betty and Donna were busy closing out the 2022 finances and getting the office accounting ready for 2023. The ladies would be embarrassed if I shared the number of hours that they put into the accounting and finances for RHM, so let me just say it is a lot. They work diligently to make sure that the finances are clear and transparent to anyone who may have a question. Bob and Kermit had to designate a lot of their time for isolating and fixing leaks on the camp property. Together, they were able to find the leaks, repair them and get the plumbing ready for this year of ministry. These leaks were not due to frozen pipes but caused by the age of the pipes. Both Bob and Kermit worked hard to get those leaks taken care of so we could focus on the other things that need to be accomplished before camp season begins. I am very grateful that we have been good stewards of the

money that is provided for the camp ministry. We were able to pay the increase in the water bill and the cost of repairs, although we had to use funds that we would have used for this summer's camp program. We are trusting God to replace those funds so we can have an exciting summer of ministry with the children and youth that will be at camp this summer.

In this edition of the Echoes you are going to find an article from David Day as he tells his story of how he came back to RHM. Please, pray for David, Lamar, Valerie, Larry and Rachel and this ministry so through their time of teaching and training and hosting outreach events we will see adults that want to know how to share the Gospel and for children and adults to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

We have included in this edition of the Echoes an explanation from Kimberly of how you can help RHM when you shop online at Walmart.com and use their "round up" program. It is my prayer that many of our supporters will use this tool that Walmart is providing. Kimberly also launched our new website in January. I encourage you to visit the new site at [rockhavenministries.org](http://rockhavenministries.org) and look at this new and improved ministry tool. The history of Rock Haven has been updated and is now current. Kimberly also added some recent pictures of

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our latest camps, retreats and other events. So, go and read the updated history and see how God has had His hand on this ministry for so many years. Look through the photo gallery and be encouraged by how your prayers and financial support are helping us reach the youth in the Ozarks with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In what some have called down time or our slow time let me share with you what we have been doing to stay busy.

We used this down time as an opportunity to do deep cleaning and to fix a few minor cosmetic and logistical problems. This included a clean out of the kitchen including the pantry and back porch. The goal is to have a user-friendly kitchen that will make cooking and serving 11,000 plus meals a little easier. Bonnie is doing a great job in her capacity at kitchen director and I am hopeful that our kitchen cleanout will make her job a little easier.

Bob and Cindy have been working on grounds clean-up from the inclement weather, and adding better, more efficient lighting inside and around the buildings. By the end of March they will have installed new signage for the residences on the camp property and once these are finished they are going to add new signage for other buildings and points of interest on the camp property.

Kermit has picked out the theme for this year's camp ministry: "Outrageous Truth." The Bible verse is John 8:32, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Kermit and the staff have been working diligently as they consider how to decorate and program this year's camp weeks. We already have commitments from men who are going to come and share the Gospel with the kids this summer and challenge them to live their lives in a way that honors God. Kermit and the team will have the Bible lessons completed in a few more weeks and will be able to turn their attention to

some of the other program aspects of the camp ministry. Please, pray for Kermit and the staff as they seek to bring glory to God through everything that is done in the camp ministry.

Hopefully, I have adequately conveyed our excitement to get past these months of winter and get into the spring and summer months that will bring boys, girls, women and men back to the Bible camp for retreats and weeks of camp ministry. Remember to pray for us as we seek to honor and glorify God in all we do through the ministry at Rock Haven.

*Andrew Campbell*

Mission Director



## From Our Social Media Manager



Did you know that every time you shop on Walmart.com, you can round up your change and donate it to Rock Haven Ministries? Walmart recently launched "Walmart Spark Good

Round Up" where customers can round up their purchases to the nearest dollar and donate the change to their favorite charity. We would love for you to choose us as your charity to receive these donations every time you shop on Walmart.com. To sign up, go to [www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood](http://www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood) and search our ministry under the name "North Arkansas Gospel Mission." From there you can select our ministry as your round up charity. Then, at the checkout page, you will see a check box to round up your change to donate to our ministry.

Kimberly Bartlow

*Kimberly Bartlow*

Social Media Manager



## From Our Church Relations, Evangelism, and Outreach Director

Dear Friends,

First of all, it is great to be back serving with Rock Haven Ministries. For those who may not know me, I served as Camp Director from the Fall of 1998 to the Spring of 2015.

In between then and the present, the Lord called me to serve with Child Evangelism Fellowship. I was the Local Director for Northwest Arkansas. I received training to be more effective in reaching young children for the Gospel.

While serving with Rock Haven earlier, I came to know of Marie Olsen. She was the founder of North Arkansas Gospel Mission. She was also trained with CEF and brought her knowledge and burden for the lost to our area. Eventually others followed her and the Bible ladies were able to go into the public schools to evangelize the boys and girls directly. The need for a Bible Camp soon followed. I was honored to serve here and know the Bible ladies.

In October of 2022, the Lord called me back to serve with RHM. My role is Director of Church Relations and Evangelism/Outreach. Church Relations means exactly that. RHM exists to aid the local churches by building a strong relationship and coming alongside them to help them reach the lost in their community. This assistance could take different forms, depending on need. It could mean having me come and provide pulpit supply for a Sunday. It could mean having me come and share ministry training to be more effective in reaching the boys and girls in their community.

One service of the Evangelism/Outreach role is to assist churches in conducting either a weeklong or one day Vacation Bible School. Our vision is to put together 'Rock Haven in a Box', a trailer equipped with fun activities that could be used to travel to churches and present the Gospel to the area children. All of this is

coming alongside the local church and their members to help them grow.

Another area of evangelism/outreach is to start and/or help maintain Bible Clubs in our public schools. The Bible Ladies were faithful in the work and I hope to see it continue. I am currently in contact with an area church that want us to provide training for their volunteers to restart a club that was discontinued because of COVID. Thankfully, other school clubs are beginning back after COVID. I will be assisting this church by teaching the Bible Lesson portion of the club.

As I stated in the beginning, it is great to be back serving at Rock Haven Ministries. If I can in any way serve your church please don't hesitate to contact us. To God be the glory for all He will do and has already done.

David Day,  
*David Day*



Church Relations, Evangelism, and Outreach Director

## 2023 Rock Haven Bible Camp

April 14-15	Ladies Retreat
April 21-22	Youth Retreat
July 5-7	Training Week
July 9	Reunion
July 10-15	Teen Week
July 17-21	Jr Hi Week
July 24-28	Middle Week
July 31-Aug 4	Elementary Week
Sept, 15-16	Girls Retreat
Sept. 22-23	Boys Retreat
Oct. 13-14	Ladies Fall Retreat
Oct. 21	Fall Festival
Nov. 4	Fish Fry
Nov. 17-18	Nerf War
Dec. 2	Ladies Retreat Christmas Party



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# Project Updates

It is such a joy to share with you that, little by little, we have seen people catch



the vision of seeing the Tim Bartlow Recreation Center completed. In November, I made you aware that we had \$27,000 in the Recreation Center fund. Today, I am happy to tell you we are up to \$35,200. We have seen an increase of \$8,200 in 3 months. Praise the Lord!

I am also excited to share with you that Kurt Goodall has volunteered his time and skills to be the project manager of the Recreation Center. In early January Kurt visited with Kermit, Bob, and myself, sharing with us his vision for how he wants to see this project completed to the glory of God and to further God's Kingdom through our efforts at Rock Haven. In our time together, we prayed, we walked the property where the recreation center will be built, and we visioned just how needed the recreation center is to the camp ministry. Rock Haven had an impact on Kurt's life at a young age and now he is allowing God to use him be a part of a project that is going to impact the lives of many youth for years to come. I am very excited that we have someone with Kurt's skillset and character managing such a big project. As I prayed about the prayer support and financial support to become available for the Recreation Center, I was also praying for someone skilled in this area to manage this project. Repeatedly I am reminded that this is the biggest project that the ministry has ever undertaken. Repeatedly I am reminded that we have a great big God and I believe our big God answered another prayer by prompting Kurt to reach out and see how he could partner with Rock Haven see the recreation center completed.

Every stage of the recreation center will begin as the

money becomes available. We are still \$50,000 away from getting the dirt work and slab completed. I have been asked "do you get discouraged that it is taking so long for the funds to be available?" The answer is always no. I am trusting and waiting on God to provide for this project in His time and through His people. Am I excited and wished it was already completed? Yes! Because I know how much of an impact it will have on the lives of so many people.

When you are considering where and how you can support Rock Haven, please consider the Tim Bartlow Recreation Center as an option. Please notate on your check or giving record that you would like to contribute to the completion of this important project. Thank you for your prayer and financial support.

*Andrew Campbell*  
Mission Director



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What a mighty God we serve!  
In our last Echoes we shared some of the needs for the camp and mission. It has been such a blessing to see the outpouring of giving from God's people.

We shared the need for a new commercial lawn mower. \$2,100 has been raised specifically to go towards the John Deere Lawn Mower at a cost of \$8,500. There is still a need of \$6,400 to complete this project.



**Lawn Mower**



**New Roof**

Another project we shared was the need for a roof replacement on the staff house at a cost of \$4,500. A total of \$1,965 has been designated for this project. There is still a need of \$2,535 to complete the project.



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