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A Word From The Directors

Our main mission at St. Nazianz Christian Center is to give people a “hand up.” Each month has brought us more opportunities and progress in that mission. We continue to improve the buildings and grounds with the help of many wonderful volunteers as well as provide a place of restoration and encouragement for people who have various life issues. We are very grateful for the many volunteers, prayer partners and donations that allow us to develop this unique and much needed ministry.



Jim and Linda Frasch
Directors

One area we hope to develop is training for the unemployed to learn a skill so they will be qualified for more and better jobs. Please pray for this need.

We continue to ask for your prayers as we move forward with the mission we feel God has given us. We are daily in awe at the greatness of God who keeps supplying the needs of St. Nazianz Christian Center.



How's Our Eyesight?

There are a couple of verses in the gospels that have gotten my attention. One is in Matthew 9:36 “But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.”

The other is in John 4:35 “Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest?’ Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”

Jesus saw the multitudes. The way Jesus “saw” them moved Him to compassion and that compassion moved Him to action. He had to do something about what He saw.

What did He see that moved Him to compassion? When He saw them He didn't see a crowd but rather individuals who were weary (or as some translations say, harassed), scattered and without clear direction or focus. They needed **The Shepherd**.

Then Jesus exhorts His followers to also “look.” Jesus was comparing the multitudes to a field of grain that was ready for harvesting. Or to see the multitudes as individuals longing for direction, healing and compassion. I am afraid that I often look on the multitude without being moved with compassion. I know if I looked the way Jesus looked, I would be moved to action. May the Lord give us not only ears to hear but eyes to look...really look.

-Roy McKain

(Roy is a retired pastor and volunteer at St. Nazianz)



Thrift Store Growing

Our Thrift Store continues to experience record breaking sales and attendance. We have been receiving wonderful amounts of quality used merchandise as well as a lot of new items in their original packaging.



The Thrift Store's shelves are stocked with hundred of Christmas items. There are many children's coats that are available without charge to children coming to the thrift store.

Mushroom "Factory" Progress

Work continues to progress nicely toward getting our mushroom growing business up and running. The first phase is near completion. We already have one company that has verbally agreed to purchase mushrooms from us. Growing mushrooms to sell will help us continue to fund the operating expenses of the ministry here at St. Nazianz.



Progress On The Ponds

We were able to get our ponds much closer to reality this summer. We are suspending additional work until next spring but we should be able to have the first of the two ponds ready for use next summer.

Volunteers Make The Difference

Without people like these volunteers who give of their time we would never be able to keep this ministry alive and healthy. Our volunteers come from nearly every walk of life. We are extremely grateful for all the wonderful people who have embraced the mission of St. Nazianz Christian Center. Their commitment encourages all of us to continue to make a difference in our world for God's Kingdom.

One of our volunteers, Mary Kelly, is having hip surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

