

# MISSIONARY RETREAT FELLOWSHIP

MRF Newsletter

June 2016

The heart's desire of MRF's founders was that the entire property would be used exclusively how the Lord desired. Every person who passed through, every family that rested in the homes, every church who made use of the property would be blessed because this was the Lord's work.



In September 2015, we had the privilege of dedicating the new pavilion back to the Lord as well. The rain was pouring down outside, yet the board members and their wives were able to gather under the new pavilion's roof and be perfectly dry and even somewhat warm! After a barbecue dinner, board president, Dave Berger, shared how MRF exists because of prayer. There was a prayer of dedication and then everyone sang, in beautiful acapella, "To God be the Glory."



We had a full house all the way through to December. The first duplex, #9, has been full since its completion in June. Currently, we have one home available, but we will be completely full again before summer. Since last summer, we said goodbye to a family of six who moved to the Far East for their first term on the field and to another family of six who lived here for a full year before moving on to a camping ministry in Pennsylvania. We have since welcomed a family of six moving to Italy this summer, as well as a couple on home assignment from Portugal. Others have passed through as well, including a Dutch family working with the Jewish population in Brooklyn, NY, and another family who are missionaries originally from Papua New Guinea.



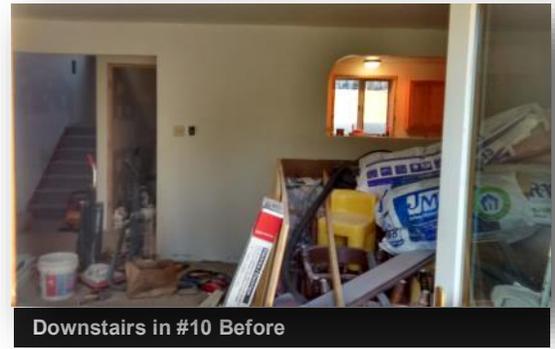
Changes on the Main House

## Expect to find in this issue:

- Giving it Back to God
- Completion
- Summer Plans
- A Place to Use
- Prayer and Praise
- Current Needs

# Completion

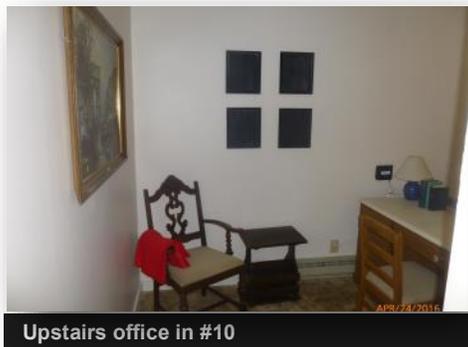
The original plan was for Side B (#10) of the duplex to be completed by December 31, 2015. However, our maintenance director, Brian, discovered there was just too much to be done before then! He had to install the kitchen, redo the bathroom, build countertops, tile, and paint before being able to clean, arrange, and decorate. The home came out beautiful and is now occupied with its first missionaries.



## A few updates here and there

We had another surprise bathroom remodel recently. Thankfully there was time to repair it in between bookings. In the process of repairing the bathroom we discovered a leak in our main waterline (since repaired) and that the main support beams under the house need to be replaced.

This summer will be filled with normal upkeep and maintenance as well as the installation of the pavilion's outdoor bathrooms. Three homes are in desperate need of new roofs and the Main House needs to have new siding. This will keep us all plenty busy over the summer!



## You're Invited!

We do have the occasional vacancy over the summer, so don't hesitate to at least have your missionary and pastoral friends get in contact with us, especially if they are looking for a quick stay or for something closer to the fall.

If you are looking for a space for your church to have a picnic this summer, let us know! Our weekends book pretty quickly, so get your dates in soon in order to use our new pavilion and the MRF grounds. We are also available for graduation and wedding receptions, birthday parties, and other events!



### Master & Spare Bedrooms in #10

### Praise God with us that:

- the remodel of the big house was a success and is currently occupied
- we are basically fully booked with minimal gaps

### Pray with Us:

- for the general upkeep that will be done this summer – that the finances will be available and that everything will be done in good time.
- that the property would remain booked well throughout the rest of 2016.
- for our missionary families as they raise support and head to the field for their first terms.
- for our other missionary families who are here to rest, visit family and churches, and head back to the field refreshed.

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### **\*We do not always have needs, but when we do, we'll post them here for you to see!\***

*This summer when you're cleaning out for that big yard sale, would you mind setting these items aside for us? If you are in our area, Brian and Don are willing to come out and take a look at items to see if they fit our need and if so, even cart them away with our truck!*

We are looking for...

- ...new playground toys & equipment
- ...wall art of all sizes; nature scenes and colorful pictures work best with our white walls
- ...pretty quilts for twin beds
- ...kitchen towels, wash cloths, and oven mitts
- ...basketballs & soccer balls
- ...a couple of couches in good condition