



MOBILE OUTREACH CENTER

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When the wheels turn slow - Praise the Lord!

We FINALLY have our building permit and construction has begun! Since our last newsletter all the preliminary demolition



Vincent removing old electrical wiring!

work has been completed at the building and construction is underway!

The last hurdle was cleared when the city of Denison granted our request for a variance that is related to property lines and the city right of way. The city has welcomed our efforts and is being tremendously helpful as we maneuver our way through the red tape.

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Mr. Frazier

Repairs underway!

Disaster Response in Quapaw, OK and Baxter Springs, KS

In addition to serving in our local community, we have deployed to Oklahoma and Kansas three times over the last few months serving as Somebody Cares Mobile Outreach ambassadors for Doug Stringer and Somebody Cares America. When tornadoes struck in April, many communities across the nation were impacted but most of the response centered on larger communities. As we responded we found that Quapaw had been mostly bypassed for assistance. First we connected with local churches to see where help was needed. We met Mr. Frazier through Pastor Matt Robertson of First Baptist Church. In his 80's and unaware of an approaching tornado, he had just stepped outside to weed-eat his dog's run when the tornado struck his home. Mr. Frazier realizes that God protected and spared him that day! His home received significant damage. We were privileged to serve as ambassadors for Doug and the Somebody Cares network to let him know the repairs needed for his home were being supplied.

While SCA partners provided the materials, volunteers from the area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership team furnished all the labor needed to repair his home.



Vickie and Citizen's Police Academy classmates with Assistant DA

Prayer CONTINUES to be the main thing!

This past spring, Vickie attended Citizen's Police Academy sponsored by the local Police Department. This ongoing class focuses on helping citizens understand the structure and operations of the police department. For our final class we were treated to an evening with city officials and given opportunity to serve as volunteers. As a result, the Lord opened the door for us to bring intercessors and the church community into partnership with the police through prayer initiatives and potential ministry. We are asking for additional opportunities to participate with local officials in disaster preparation and training. Join us in prayer that after we open the building we can facilitate classes with subjects such as Somebody Cares Church Disaster Preparation, Preparedness Peace, CERT and CISM trainings.

The Vision for the Community Garden is taking shape!

In preparation for the community garden Vickie attended Master Gardener classes this spring. As a part of the curriculum, Dr. Steve George, Professor and Horticulturist of Texas A & M taught the class about *EarthKind*.



Dr. George explaining EarthKind

Earth-Kind Landscaping uses research-proven techniques to provide maximum garden and landscape enjoyment while preserving and protecting the

environment. The objective of *Earth-Kind* Landscaping is to combine the best of organic and traditional gardening and landscaping principles to create a horticultural system based on real world effectiveness and environmental responsibility.



Diagram of our planned research garden

After learning about our community garden, Dr. George invited Vickie and a small group to spend the day with him in the Dallas Metroplex touring other community gardens. At the end of the day, we agreed to dedicate a portion of the Denison Community garden for *EarthKind* research for vegetables. We are not only excited to be able to partner with the *Agri-Life* Extension of Texas A & M, but to also share with our community the principles developed by Dr. George and his team of researchers.



Farmer's Branch Community Garden

Planned Uses for the building:

- ◆ Community Prayer Center
- ◆ Multi-Purpose Training Center
- ◆ Community Garden
- ◆ Somebody Cares Mobile Outreach Center
- ◆ Rise To the Time Offices
- ◆ Disaster Resource Storage

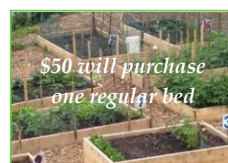


The Vision for the Front of the building...after completion!

How you can help:

- Pray for the completion of the building remodel and the gardens- For the sake of the Kingdom
- Cash Donations- No gift is too small! Unforeseen repairs have created extra expenses. There will also be additional expenses for the community garden set up.
- Gifts in Kind- Computers, tables, chairs, sound equipment, etc.
- Volunteer your time- some repairs require skilled labor, but many don't. If you are in the area, give us a call.
- Spread the word about what we are doing. We want this to be a COMMUNITY center.

Enclosed is a drawing of our proposed community garden. With your help our plan is to have regular raised beds and both wheelchair and "no bending required" beds to accommodate our senior and handicapped citizens. We also plan to demonstrate different types of gardening for small spaces in addition to teaching about *EarthKind*.



\$50 will purchase one regular bed



A donation of \$150 will purchase a "no bending" bed



\$150 will purchase a Wheelchair accessible raised bed

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