



Salt

a pastoral retreat

Part of a Team

For several years now I have scheduled my life commitments and finances so that I can enjoy one of the most fulfilling weeks in my year. Working in the dust, along side a group of guys who used to be strangers, but who I now call "friends". This is an annual event for me. One that has become a commitment of blessed service to my Lord and Savior.

Every spring I travel to Norman Oklahoma where pretty much the same handful of faces and smiles meet at a local church, pile into a couple of vans and head into the sun. Together we take turns driving while camping out at churches along the way. We make the long, cramped trek to the southern US border and into another, harder way of life, Mexico.

A caravan of aging male believers, baring crates of sunscreen and building supplies. Each sharing in a vision of toiling together in the baking heat, constructing churches for the communities in need there. It is amazing how God skillfully gathers us together to accomplish His will. I'm always surprised at how much we manage to get done in such a short amount of time. During our last trip, and in just four days, we formed and poured a 28' x 32' slab, poured footings for and laid approximately 120 linear feet of block for a 5 foot tall wall. We built a 5 foot square, 80" high septic tank out of more block, and did it all by hand. Each time we pile back into the vans and head north to our homes and families, the sense of accomplishment and work well done is a priceless treasure.

The Lord calls us all to join together. As a team we get great things done which glorify Him. He does not require us to leave the country, the state or even our neighborhoods to serve

unless we want to. Certainly foreign missions are appealing, needed, and have a certain allure. However, consider the work, equally as important that we have here at home. There is no lack of opportunity to serve from your kitchen table if you have a heart to.

One of Salt's Home Teams is the Praying Out Loud Team (POL). A group of prayer warriors faithful to pray when called on, from wherever they are that day. This group steadfastly prays for Pastors, their families and their ministries. They pray for things like asking the Lord to be with

the pastors and to keep them strong as they go through the unavoidable storms of service. They pray for those who are pastoring a church, those who have no church to pastor, those who lead worship, Sunday School, Youth Groups, Kids Church, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Your Ministry and My Ministry. They pray for all of us, because we all need prayer and Salt is all about ministering to those who minister. They pray for Salt's many needs and for the people of Salt's Mission Teams. Those who come to serve, build and see this task to completion.

I invite you to get involved in ministry. Opportunities abound in leadership, prayer, financial support, even mission work. We certainly welcome you to any of Salt's Mission Events. Seeing the Lord work through His people is an experience that none of us should miss.



Your servant in Christ,
Don

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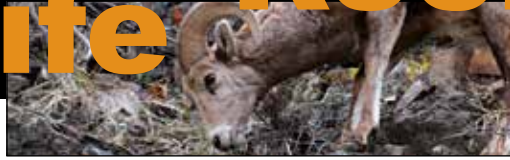
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and his family
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Wildlife Recreation



2014 Spring Mission Event

This Event was filled with excitement and anticipation. We had just received a commitment from the local Amish craftsmen that they had prayerfully decided to take this project on and see us through to our next phase. With them due to start in May, our job was to prepare the way for them. With much



to do we divided and conquered. Many of us focused our time and energy on making ready the areas that the Amish would be working on. Others continued in a phase of the project that had began during the Spring Event of 2013, insulation. A tedious task, not hard to do, but one that takes a tremendous amount of time and hand work. We all liken it to assembling a giant puzzle, one custom cut piece at a time. Any age and skill can help, it requires no previous experience and is easy to do, but time consuming.



We got to know and love on several new faces during this Event. They quickly were brought into the fold and hearts of those who are regulars here at Salt. Ken, Beth, Jerry, Carole, Sandy and Fred were the newest to the group. Ken built a strong love-hate relationship with the archaic table saw we had for him to work with. But he overcame and mastered the task. Sandy would measure each needed piece, Ken would cut it, Carole would run the piece to Beth and the rest of the crew would put them in place. A model of teamwork!



Meanwhile, Don, Jerry and Fred set about moving the solar panel to a more protected location. Right when they had it all unhooked a bit of wind picked up and about blew them off the roof!

Skip and Ron were finally able to wrap up the fascia project they have been so diligently working on over the course of several trips to Salt. The fit and finish on their work exhibits fine, true craftsmanship.

This was a great Event that we all enjoyed. It set the pace for the months to come.

The Amish Event



For those of us who have spent countless hours praying for this ministry - the arrival of the Amish to Salmon Idaho was huge! The word had spread that the Amish had established a small community near town. With this news came the whisper of a thought. Could this be who the Lord had us waiting for all this time? We reflect now on all our many prayers, seeking the Lord's direction in who He would have move us through the next phase of the building project. It seemed as if we had been forever waiting for His affirming voice and hand in this decision.



It wasn't long and blue prints were laid across a farmer's table and testimonies were being shared. All began praying for the Lord's wisdom and confirmation that this indeed was His plan. In response the Lord impressed on an army of Saints (too many to name in this small space) to give materials at cost, to donate their time, equipment and energy to see the job get underway.



In late May the gentle team of craftsman set to work. Because of Salt's unsquare existing structure, unique setting, new building design and limited budget, it took no small amount of effort, patience and resourcefulness on the part of the Amish. An overwhelming and gratifying project for sure.



One which forged growth and experience in all who were involved. The final result of the many hours of tireless labor these good men invested into Salt? A vision become reality. A magnificent structure, complete with a grand scale entryway, a large kitchen area for serving many and a mechanical room for self-sustaining power. The place God had whispered into all our hearts, no longer just on paper.

Working with these fine men proved why God calls us to wait on Him. If you are faithful in patience, He will provide in the best of ways...ways never imagined.

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Purpose



The Calvary Has Arrived!

Have you ever had the joy of experiencing a *sifting*? You know, one of those trials that brings Job to mind? In Job's case, God permitted his testing to make a point. Job would be faithful, no matter what. Every challenge persevered and overcome by one of God's faithful, brings Him glory. God allows us to experience those refining fires when He wants to stretch and grow us in our witness for Him.

We had a group here that the Lord allowed to be sifted during their Mission at Salt. When many would have left frustrated and discouraged, these folks rose to the challenge and persevered. This special group of people truly lived up to their name, Roving Volunteers In Christ's Service (RVICS). This was a crew that should be the poster children for this great organization, and others like it. Under the expert leadership of Nic and Boo, Christ's face shined unmistakably through the whole bunch of them!

The RVIC's mission was to prepare an un-square building for square windows, 21 of them! After days of frustration and struggle, they prayed their way through it and accomplished the task at hand. And when they got that finished — they put their sunscreen and gloves back on and tackled the uneven exterior, readying it for the siding.

They didn't get to meet the next two faithful servants, John and Martin, who came and devoted themselves to fitting each window carefully into the place prepared for it by the RVICS Team. But they are coming back to finish what they started! This time around RVICS will be putting trim around the windows and building shutters to protect them. With so many places needing their help, how blessed are we that they should return to us? All we can say is thank you!



A Summer Blur

By the end of summer there was so much activity going on at Salt it just kind of all ran together. As one team was leaving, another was arriving. Once the windows were installed and the generously donated doors were hung, the roof arrived. We can't thank Fred Nordgren enough for his hard work in seeing this monumental task accomplished. The logistics of getting that roof manufactured within our budget, and to suit our need was no small



feat. We also thank the Leadbetter's who came to our unexpected rescue in getting the material to the top of the mountain.

Then, to our heart's delight, the Amish returned and joined forces with Salt's Summer Mission Team to put the roof on! It was very hot, hard work but they feverishly pressed on to complete the job. It was exciting to watch the two crews working together for God's good purpose. All glory be His when His people join hands and work as one.

Once the roof was in place and the Amish returned home, more reinforcements showed up! A few who had served during the Spring Event arrived on the scene and guess what? They brought friends! More new faces at Salt. Together they focused on readying the Great House for winter. They dug around in the dirt together (and the heat) joining the existing membrane roof to the new construction. Fellowship was shared, hearts were filled and the new friends of Salt grew excited to see what God was doing on top of this mountain.

At the end of it all, when the dust had settled and the doors were locked, Salt's Board of Directors looked up and gave thanks to their Father in heaven. They knew that all who had been at Salt in 2014 had given selflessly of themselves and together they had scored one for the Home Team — God's Team.



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April 23rd

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Is what we need to turn up the heat at

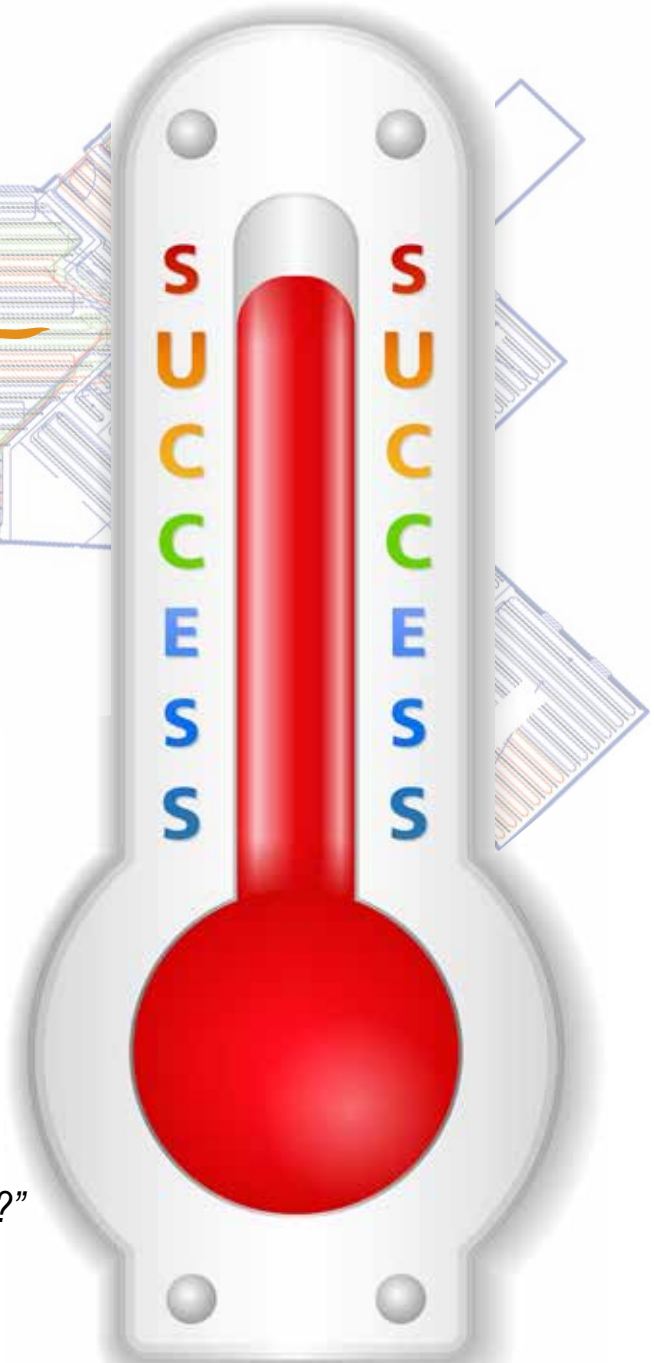
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The plans for the radiant floor heating system are near completion with an estimated cost of \$15k in materials alone. The Spring Mission Event will continue in the preparation for the launch of this complex installation. We have a qualified Mission Team of Journeyman HVAC/Technicians committed to complete the installation this summer. We can complete this phase of the work in 2015 if we can raise the rest of the funds. Thanks to our faithful matching contributor, who turns every dollar donated into two, we're over half way there with just \$6,900 left to raise. So it's time to ask,

"Will you make a contribution in your Church's name?"

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Just include a note that says, "Turn Up The Heat!" We'll know what you mean.

The Praying Out Loud Team of Salt Mountain

The idea of "Praying Out Loud" for Christian people, especially Pastors, was born through prayed over, handwritten notes of encouragement sent out in our early years of ministry. These notes were authored by Salt in response to requests we had received for prayer. Each note was and still is accompanied by a handmade Bible book mark to remind the recipient that someone is continuing to pray "out loud" for them, personally.



What started as just a few gathering together daily to be the voice of these prayers, soon grew into a team of eleven dedicated members. We aren't all living in the same towns, or even the same states, but we share the same burden for the committed and faithful men and women who guide us in our daily Christian walk.

In addition to praying out loud for specific pastors, their families and needs, each month we dedicate ourselves to praying for one specific inspired theme. As the Lord leads us, we post a message to Salt's website which gives an overview of how we are praying. Please join us in praying for these special circumstances and conditions which unavoidably affect us all. There is also a rolling roster of prayer needs which appears on that same web page. To join us, you can find us at: www.saltmountain.org/programs/praying-out-loud

Currently we are praying for all pastors; that God will continue to bless them in prosperity and good health. The Praying Out Loud Team is also asking the Lord to bless the work and vision of Salt Mountain. We pray with earnest for God's direction as we move forward into another year of progress and the furthering of His will.

Yours in His Service,
Lou Mullins
Team Leader
Praying Out Loud



Our job is to pray for you.
Let us know how we can
best be doing that.
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* All prayer needs are held in the strictest of confidence by the POL Team.

and to be trodden under foot of men." Matt 5:12



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