

JUNE 2021 ISSUE

Bridge 2 Home

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

The month of July is known for many events: the obvious - 4th of July, National Culinary Arts Month, National Blueberry Month, National Hot Dog Month, National Ice Cream Month, National Picnic Month, National Bison Month and Independent Retailer Month. The internet has a plethora of information. July was also a very busy month full of miracles for Bridge 2 Home. The Bridge received an abundance of support from our community.

First: on the weekend of July 16 and 17th a group of men of God felt privileged to serve, though we found that the privilege was ours. The Salkehatchie group of men, who they say is a 12-letter word for love, provided materials and replaced the roof to the educational cottage.

Salkehatchie Youth Ministry is a ministry that began in 1978, through the tragedy of a house fire that cost several lives. It was discovered that this fire could have been prevented as it was a simple electrical problem that could have been fixed. So, a pastor decided to get a group of youth volunteers lead by adults to make repairs to the homes of the needy. This small group of Godly men became an army of Godly men searching for ways to help their community. With the work that they did, also came stories of miraculous healing after injuries. My favorite story was when one of the men after working a long day, his body could go no further and he prayed for God to help him. He said "God I can't go any further and if this roof is going to be finished, send me some help". As soon as he said that, a man came out of nowhere and said to him, "you need some help. I'm a roofer". That man helped him finish the roof that afternoon and into the next day.

The Bridge would like to thank the Salkehatchi Ministry from Eastminster Presbyterian Church, St John's Methodist and Zoar United Methodist for giving of their Friday and Saturday to replace the roof to the educational cottage and cleaning up the debris from the work.



The Salkehatchi men taking a breather while working a 12 hour day on Saturday.

CURRENT OBJECTIVES

RESIDENCE PREPARATIONS

July 21



Before Roof Repair.



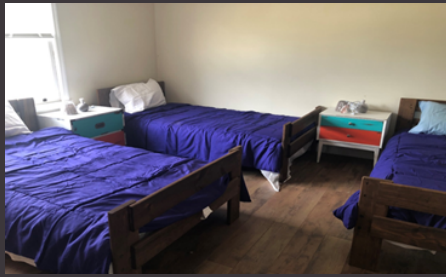
After Roof Repair.



Thanks to Dumpster Depot for providing the Dumpster throughout the month.



Thanks to the volunteers who picked up the beds and brought them to The Bridge.



July 24

Thanks to A Place to Dream, a Family Y organization, we have all 7 beds and the bedrooms are completely furnished. Thanks to the parents of Kidz Creek West for putting the beds together.



It was a great and productive morning fellowshiping and working side by side with Kidz Creek West Campus and their parents. They volunteered from 9 to noon and cleaned up, planted trees, shrubs and flowers at The Bridge. All landscaping materials were donated by Kidz Creek volunteers and Lowes.



July 31

The Bridge was visited by Cedar Creek Church Kidz Creek Banks Mill. We had a line up of projects to do. Painting the outside of the Educational Cottage, demolition of the inside of the cottage, landscaping the back of the cottage. Then the day before all of this the well broke. After a moment of panic, I texted a few friends and ask them to pray for a miracle because we are about to plant the next day with no water at The Bridge. I said to God, "We need a miracle; Lord surprise me. We have no water". Early in the morning, I began to fill up gallon jugs of water from my house and bringing them to The Bridge to water the plants that CCC Kidz West had planted, the previous week.



The group worked on all aspects of the remodeling: Inside wall demo of the Education cottage, garden upkeep where jugs of water had to be used to water the plants, and painting the outside of the cottage. Meanwhile there was still not a drop of water - until the miracle!!!

When I called Terri Watson, Kidz Creek Banks Mill director and told her about the well and asked her to pray, she called someone else and told them about the dilemma and they said that one of the Kidz Creek volunteers has a family business that services wells. At about noon that day, Gunter's Pump Service pulled up in the driveway, pulled the pump and replaced it, at no cost to The Bridge. We had water again. Nothing less then answered prayers. Miracle.



Surprise me Lord.

I met a couple of ladies from another church that were here this weekend and wanted to see The Bridge and serve. They asked for a tour of the place and noticed we were all furnished except for a dining room table. I shared that we had several people offer to give us a table but we needed something that seats 8 to 10. I told her that we wanted specifically a farmhouse table. They began to tear up. They explained that Shawnee came 5 hours away from Thomasville GA. She had something else planned but they cancelled. She came to visit her friend in Aiken and found herself at The Bridge. She said that she makes Farmhouse furniture and makes farmhouse tables and offered to make our dining room table for The Bridge. "God brought me here" she said. "OK Lord, I'm surprised". Thank you.

Thank you to the countless volunteers in the month of July and brought love, sweat, fertilizer, plants, trees, and served alongside The Bridge. We were truly blessed. Can't wait to see what God has in store for this place.

40 Day Fast and Prayer

Starting August 20 to September 30, we would like to invite our supporters and friends to join us in fasting and praying for God to deliver the funding of \$1M to The Bridge 2 Home. As you know, we've written 3 grants, the last grant for \$1M. I believe in my heart that God has called us to provide a loving home for minor victims/survivors of human trafficking. We will need full-time and part-time paid staff that will love and teach the girls how to thrive and live in a family setting and experience God's love. God will either deliver this grant to us or he will deliver \$1M in another way. Either way, God will provide what we need. But he does want to hear from his people. Let's collectively knock on heaven's door until we hear from him. "...ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete".
John 16:24



"Truly, I tell you, whatever you do for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Mat 25:40

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