

# Campers on Mission National Newsletter 4th Quarter 2024 "Sharing Christ as We Go"



## From the National Coordinators' desk



Hello, COMers! We have been busy with emails and phone calls from many of you! What a blessing to have such a network of volunteer missionaries looking for ways to serve the Lord and to grow COM. Zoom Meetings have been fun too as we see such friendly faces while discussing the needed things to keep moving forward. We are so encouraged by each of you and appreciate everyone. Being a member of COM is such a rewarding way to live, even when you are not on the road.

We enjoy checking into your Facebook sites to rejoice in what you are accomplishing, we pray for your needs and requests when they are posted, and we appreciate the chapter newsletters we are

receiving. Network and teamwork are commendable traits and COM does a great job with both! Keep up the good work.

We have a big trip coming up the end of October through November as we hop in the motorhome and head east, south, west, and then back north. We are making a big circle to meet up with some of the chapters along the way. If we don't make it to your state, please understand our limitations and know that we hope to get there in the future. Pray for us as we travel.

Sharing Christ as We Go, Rick and Cindy

# 2025 COM National Rally !

Art & Barbara Zawislak, along with the SC COM members, are working hard on the upcoming 2025 COM National Rally.

They reported that 15 members have worked at Aiken Fairgrounds 5 days already in lieu of rental fees up to \$8,000 for the buildings we will use during the rally. The fairgrounds also have 3 trams that can haul 12 people, pulled by pick-up trucks.

God is amazing and comes through for COM in various ways. This is just a couple of them. PTL! It's going to be a great rally, so be sure to plan to attend!





Campers on Mission National Project at The Great Passion Play



#### Monday, March 31 – Friday, April 25, 2025

COM has a great history of helping get the Great Passion Play (GPP) ready for their Easter Weekend Play, as well as for the entire year long programs. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve and spread the gospel to every person that enters onto the GPP grounds. Whether you want to work the 4 weeks or part of that time, you are welcome to come. If you wish to come earlier or stay later than these dates, we can help you make those arrangements as well. Arkansas, Illinois, and other chapters work at closing up for the winter, special projects. You are welcome to join them at GPP when you can. GPP is welcoming to COM members who want to work with them year round. Registration will be available a little later this year, you have plenty of time to plan.

Other things you can do to also help out:

- If you wish to donate flowers (new or lightly used), start collecting them now and bring them with you. Many churches need to clean out their storage, here's a good chance to put flowers to further use.
- GPP has a beautiful Christmas display of lights on the grounds in December. If you have a Christmas tree you would like to donate, bring it when you come to work.

## Florida COM Invitation to work at the Fair

Florida's largest yearly project is the North Florida Fair in Tallahassee, FL. We would love to have you join us this year. It is a ministry to those who are attending the fair. We also scan tickets and serve as building hosts in exchange for our spot on the midway and camping spots on the fairgrounds. Come work for a few days or for the full time. Dates: November 6-17, 2024 Contact: Eileen Ansley

Email: president.florida.com@gmail.com Call: 239-826-4617

### **COM Manual Revisions**

Rick Mott is the chair of this committee and they are meeting via Zoom to discuss the various changes that need to be made.

## COM & DR aids in the south after Hurricanes Helene & Milton

#### Georgia & South Carolina

Gary Bearce, AK COM President, is also a member of NC COM and a White Hat with Disaster Relief (DR). DR is a part of Send Relief. He has been in the midst of devastation directing feeding teams, chainsaw crews, etc. At one site, the local church, a Disaster Relief mass feeding unit, and the National Guard are all working together to serve a drive-through feeding operation. Gary was delivering food to the site using a rented pick-up truck. Gary took pictures of some of the damage: a big tree was removed from one home and a temporary tarp added and a trees on another home. There are many similar damages in both Georgia and South Carolina where he has worked.

He has also done some assessment and chaplaincy; but now is working in the Atlanta area as a part of unified command where he is assisting five site leaders in Georgia; and will help set up nine more sites along the Georgia/Florida border with plans to mobilize teams through November.

Alaska Campers on Mission is still forming as a chapter, sign up to be a member with them! The lower 49 can give back to Alaska!

#### **North Carolina**

Henry and Christine Truer, MI COM members shared a small glimpse of the aftermath of Hurricane Helene on Black Mountain Home for Children. Henry and the other volunteers are currently at in Swannanoa/Black Mountain area. The children were all safe but the devastation is widespread.









You can give to: <u>https://www.sendrelief.org/projects/</u> <u>hurricane-helene/</u> or <u>https://www.blackmountainhome.org</u>

Our thoughts and prayers go out to every person who has been affected by the back-to-back hurricanes, Helene and Milton. Some of you have been affected by these storms too. May God be with you in these days ahead as everyone struggles to move forward. We know that many COMers will be volunteering in various areas that need help throughout the months to come. This task will not be accomplished in a few weeks; we pray for continued healing of the people affected and for those who lost loved ones in the storms.

This is our prayer:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation."

Summer is over, fall is beautiful as the leaves turn colors and the air is brisk. We wish you all to have a wonderful season as we go into days of thankfulness and giving. May God be with you till we meet again!

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before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16





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