

First Newsletter Dedicated to Founder Lee Morrison September 2009

Lee Morrison passed away in February 2009. We miss our friend. He was a giving person. His giving nature, love for Jesus, vision, and love for the outdoors led him to take a big risk early in 2008. He had been ministering to people for years in the outdoors when he decided to tackle a whole new dimension.

He worked with Pastor David Walker, lawyers, CPAs, Dale Burnett, Clifford Graef, Pastor Jerry Smith, and numerous other persons to assemble a thing called Outdoor Christian Ministries (OCM). Lee paid large sums of money for lease payments, fencing, game blinds, housing, feeders, feed, transportation, and dozens of miscellaneous items. He did not advertise his donations. He just did it. Despite his failing health, he actually drove T posts in the ground by himself in the spring of 2008. He gave monetarily, physically, and emotionally.

While we dedicate this first newsletter to Lee, Lee would not want any recognition for his effort. He would want all the glory to be given to God. So.....Praise God!



**Lee Morrison
Our Friend, Our Mentor**

Recent Maintenance Efforts

Like your own household and local church, maintenance at OCM is a never ending effort. There are four primary buildings, two shared buildings, grounds, game blinds, feeders, and roads. Summer of 2009 efforts included replacing two air conditioners, tarring roofs on two houses, mowing 3 foot tall grass, brush shredding with tractor, repairing wind blown game blinds, fencing, fixing broken water lines, and cleaning out the compound's cattle guard to keep the cattle from breaking more water lines. Is it hard work? Sure. But we praise God for the strength, time, tools and volunteers. Besides it's great for a physical workout and we don't even have to pay a gymnasium fee.

2008 Attendance

In its first year, OCM had at least 229 persons participate in activities at the Tierretas Blancas Ranch. There were 9 group activities that involved groups ranging from as few as 6 to as many as 50 for a total of 161 persons. Another 68 persons came to the ranch as individuals, pairs and families. Individuals were often ministered to one on one or in pairs. Individuals included poverty stricken men, a car accident victim that could barely walk, youth with previous drug abuse backgrounds, cancer victim, youth that lost their mom, and an atheist. We also trained several individuals to find their way around the vast acreage in order that they could serve as road guides for attendees. By the end of August 2009, 2009 attendance had already passed the 2008 mark. Several youth and young men have publicly professed their faith in Jesus for the first time and two were baptized in the new water trough.

Booking a Retreat

If you wish to book a retreat, please contact Dale Burnett at 512-497-7050 or Pastor David Walker at 210-394-2795. You may also contact Dale by email at daleandpattie@msn.com . The easiest time to book a retreat is from February through August. In some cases there might be a small fee for overnight stays to cover some of the cost of electricity and upkeep. After your retreat, if you wish to write an article for the OCM newsletter, please do so and forward it to Andy Burnett at andyburnett@austin.rr.com .

2009 OCM Board Members

Dale Burnett – President
Steve Money - Vice President
Pastor Jerry Smith – Secretary/Treasurer

Additional Support:

Pastor David Walker – Advisor
Clifford Graef – Guide and Maintenance Support
Mike Schneider – Teacher and Maintenance Support
Pattie Burnett – Food and Housekeeping Support
And Lots of Other Volunteers

Donations

OCM has been blessed by many monetary donations, small and large. OCM has also been blessed by donations including a riding lawnmower, coffee pot, toaster, microwave, air conditioner, 16 foot trailer use, mechanic work, plumbing work and several other donations of materials and labor. Thanks to all of you that have contributed. If you wish to donate monetarily, please make your check out to Outdoor Christian Ministries and mail it to either:

Alamo City Christian Fellowship
Attention: Jerry Smith
6500 IH 35
San Antonio, Texas 78218

or

Dale Burnett
3300 Elder Hill Road
Driftwood, Texas 78619

OCM is recognized by the IRS as a charitable organization and your contribution is tax deductible. If you wish to donate materials or equipment, call Dale at 512-497-7050.