

FAITH MISSION HOME

MARCH 2022

Highlights

APRIL 2022

THE STUDENTS

Dick Bounds

At Dogwood Cottage, I have the privilege of taking care of a fine gentleman by the name of Dick Bounds. Dick has called Faith Mission his home for nearly sixty years and is quite content with his life in the mountains of Virginia. His sensitive personality and willingness to do what he is told have found a special place in my heart.

Dick finds great pleasure in studying angles and roof pitches. He enjoys looking at the handyman encyclopedia where it talks about building a roof, and he figures the roof pitch in each example given. He also likes to draw roofs and figure out which of his shoes would work best on that pitch. It is not uncommon when someone gets new shoes for him to ask, "So how steep a roof could you walk with those?"

Something else that is very important to Dick is his coffee. Each morning he makes it his duty to wake up before the others to brew a pot of coffee. Although I do not prefer drinking my coffee as strong as Dick does, I do enjoy watching him serve everyone some of his coffee for breakfast. He also finds the temperature of his coffee fascinating. Often he'll have his infrared thermometer handy to see if it has cooled off enough, or if it needs to be heated up again.

Dick rarely has a lot to say, so when he does say something it is worth paying attention. Whether it is giving someone advice or cracking a joke, I have been challenged by Dick's sensitivity and his listening spirit. It doesn't matter how often the other boys have rehearsed a particular story, they can count on Dick to listen to them.

Too often I think I need the biggest and the best things to be happy, but God wants us to stop and take time to find joy in the little things as well. Dick demonstrates that a content person is a happy person.

Nathaniel Beiler | Dogwood Cottage | Gap, PA



NATHANIEL BEILER AND DICK BOUNDS

EVENTS

January

28th

Kayla Stoltzfus
Farewell

29th

Daryl & Judith (Yoder)
Nissley Wedding

February

4th & 5th

Former Staff Weekend

6th

Staff Chorus Program
at FMF

10th

Staff Appreciation Supper

18th

Lauren Peachey, Darlynda
Amstutz, & Randy Eash
Farewell

21st-26th

Winter Bible School Begins

25th

Wood Grill Buffet Day

TWIN DAY



PARTY TIME



LORI WITH THE E GIRLS

SMILE WEEK



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY



TINA

Miss Tina Millsap is an energetic young lady who came to live at Roselane Cottage in January. She is very observant and inquisitive, and most of the time we don't have to guess what she is thinking. She freely states her opinions about whatever is happening around her!

Tina loves to say rhyming words and wants to make sure we are catching on to what she is saying. "Jack-rack. Get it?" Or "Fly-by. It's

rhyming, right?" Tina has a fun sense of humor. A good joke or a humorous situation will get a big laugh from her!

Here at FMH, I like to think we are helping Tina learn and grow. But, come to think of it, I am actually learning things from her, like being sensitive to the people around me. It's not unusual for Tina to say, "Hey, why is she sad?" when she notices one of her friends is looking a little glum. Tina can also be quick to comfort a girl by giving her a hug and saying, "I hope you feel better soon!" Facing changes or new experiences is not easy for Tina. I love to see her being brave enough to try something new! It usually helps her when we are able to hold her hand and walk her through whatever she is facing. That reminds me of our Father God and us, His children. He delights in showing us the way when we put our hand in his. We simply need to trust Him.

Sara Yoder | Bakeshop Mom | Cumberland Furnace, TN

On January 10, Sophia Peachey joined the FMH family. She is a spunky little 11-year-old with lots of interesting ideas, and she prefers to be on the go. Sophia is an all-or-none type of person, and she loves to dive in and get her hands dirty. She enjoys what she's doing to the fullest. She anticipates her classes, especially Home Ec where she gets to help with food prep.

Some of her favorite things to do are singing, coloring, drawing, reading stories, swinging, playing outside, and walking the dog. She loves to interact with other students and staff, and often walks up to people with a dimpled smile and waves 'hi' or wraps her arms around you for a hug.

One Saturday night when we were singing 'God's not Dead' after our pizza, we sang the words, 'feel him in my heart' accompanied with our "Woo hoo!" and the thrust of a hand in the air. As we did this, Sophia sprang to her feet, threw up both of her hands, gave a little jump, and shouted for joy. At that moment, a truth resonated in my heart: God's got the victory!

"Oh sing unto the Lord for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm have gotten him the victory" (Psalm 98:1).

Cherith Flory | C-1 Childcare | Mesquite, NM



SOPHIA AND CHERITH

WOOD GRILL BUFFET DAY

For some people, going to a restaurant for a meal is a normal occurrence. But for the students at Faith Mission Home, it is a rare and highly anticipated event that is talked about for weeks in advance. Liz will stop by my office with a big grin and giggle until I ask her, "What?" To this she will reply, "Coming up, coming up soon!" Or Jeff with his finger pushed against his lips, reminds himself to wait patiently without constantly talking about the big day. Nicole, with her constant chatter, finds it hard to contain her excitement. "I go to town with you? I go with you?"



Wood Grill Buffet Day finally arrived on February 25th. Our 33 students plus staff happily climbed in the vans and headed to Wood Grill Buffet in Harrisonburg, VA for lunch. The excitement ran high as the verbal students expressed what they were looking forward to eating and the nonverbal ones made excited motions about cheeseburgers and ice cream.

I was privileged to care for Jessica Condrey. She was super excited as we walked around the buffet lines picking all of her favorite foods – a cheeseburger, French fries, pizza, a hot dog, and ice cream for dessert! Many happy, satisfied sounds floated from the conference room as everyone enjoyed their lunch to the fullest. We consider it an honor to help our students enjoy special times like this while in our care.

Lynita Kauffman | Training Supervisor | Reedsville, PA



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11/12/00
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Chuckey, TN
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Julia Hochstetler
Aroda, Virginia
12/13/01
Lamar & Margaret

FAREWELL THOUGHTS

I didn't realize when I came to Faith Mission that I was coming to a family, a place where everyone cheers you on and has your back. I didn't know that I was about to learn lessons about relationships and security. I wasn't prepared for the love you can have for someone who isn't related to you, and remains a child in mind, although adult in form. I didn't know I would catch a glimpse of God's love and acceptance as I watched fellow staff with their students.

Nobody can explain Faith Mission Home fully to you before you come. They try—but it goes beyond words.

It's the feeling of a student struggling for weeks to walk, day in and day out walking the halls, and suddenly you realize she is walking alone. It's the feeling of spending hours trying to understand a student's mind—trying to understand the things she can't communicate, and then getting a rare hug from her just because she loves you.

I wasn't prepared for Faith Mission Home. But God knew what He was doing, and I step away overflowing with gratitude and love.



Arianna Good | 2nd Cook | Shinnston, WV