

# The HOMES of ETHNOS360

*Serving Those Who Have Served*

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In response to the letter I wrote last fall, a couple of people have asked how they can help our under-supported staff. I am happy to recommend specific names for any who are interested, but another way is to contribute to an account at The Homes that is used to distribute funds to missionaries in active service on the Homes staff who are struggling to pay their bills. If you wish to contribute to the fund for under-supported staff, checks should be made payable to Ethnos360 and write on the memo line or on a separate piece of paper "Homes Deacons Non-restricted."

As usual, this Volunteer season has been bustling. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we had sections of roads, sidewalks and driveways in desperate need of repair or replacement. By faith, we decided to try and replace as much of it as we could this season, and so I gave the Facility Operations Manager, Bill Page, the go-ahead to do all he could, especially since a specialized team of cement workers from Michigan were coming down to help for a week. Well, instead of the 16 trucks of cement I expected to be poured (and for which we had saved), 40 trucks of cement were poured! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord for all that is being accomplished, but now we need to pay the extra \$60,000. Hmmm, might be time for the Lord to sell off some of those cattle on the thousand hills (Ps 50:10) . . . 😊



The residency rate in the Latham Center has risen to almost full capacity. All eight ALF rooms are occupied, and of the 18 Independent Living rooms, 15 have long-term residents, 1 is being used by a volunteer and 2 are being used as guest rooms. But that has also meant a corresponding decrease in the number of occupied duplexes. Unfortunately, we are getting a little behind on the renovation/refurbishment of empty duplexes. Please pray for more career staff so that we can get more duplexes ready for retirees.

Finally, for those looking for a way to give back to the Lord as they make their heavenly journey, we have a variety of creative options to give in a way that best suits you, including wills and trusts, charitable gift annuities, beneficiary proceeds, life insurance and more. Ethnos360 can help you select the course that is best for you. Get started today — contact us at 407-547-2397 or [special-services\\_hq@ntm.org](mailto:special-services_hq@ntm.org).

Thanks so much for your partnership with us.

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