

The HOMES of ETHNOS360

Serving Those Who Have Served

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As I sit to write this quarterly newsletter, I wonder which current or upcoming need to highlight. Isn't that what everyone expects? Work projects and financial concerns always seem to abound. It seems that we are just finishing one volunteer season, preparing for the next one or deep in the midst of one. Saying good-bye and saying hello have always been a part of missionary life. It is what I experienced as I left my home church and stepped out in faith to be trained, as I traveled back and forth to Papua New Guinea through the years, as I worked at our mission's US home office and now as I serve at the Homes of Ethnos360. "So much work to be

done and too few people to do it" is the common theme wherever I've been. But as I think about it, no matter which ministry I've been a part of, the essential work has always gotten done. And the necessary finances have always been there when they needed to be. Why? Because God is always faithful.

To be sure, He uses His children to bless His children and the world around them. If one Christian doesn't heed the call to pray, to go, to work or to give, God uses another of His children to meet that need. No one is indispensable. But that doesn't mean it doesn't matter. It does. When a child of God doesn't heed the promptings of the Spirit of God to do what He wants done, His Spirit is quenched, and His child misses out on the blessing he could have received. And His blessings are all around us, and that's what I'd like to highlight today.

This community, The Homes of Ethnos360, is a blessing.

We are the beneficiaries of those who came before us to clear this land, give sacrificially and build these buildings. Having a small retirement home of one's own, surrounded by people who have very similar life experiences, having the buildings and beautiful property maintained, enjoying sweet fellowship with others who love the Lord, feeling safe and cared for — the value of this cannot be overstated.

We are the beneficiaries of those who come each year to help with the maintenance and to share our lives. Many of our snowbirds, Royal Volunteers, look forward to coming back year after year, and we look forward to their arrivals, their friendship and hearing what the Lord has been doing in their lives since we last saw them.



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For most of us, we gave our entire adult lives to serve the Lord, wherever He would send us. We couldn't accumulate things or save much for retirement. Some of us would find ourselves in very different circumstances right now if it weren't for this place. And if that is what the Lord had for us, that would be okay because all we need is the Lord. But He has blessed us with so much more.

Thank you to all of you who have given financially to keep this place going. Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time and labor to keep this place going. Thank you to those who pray for those of us with health needs or family concerns. Thank you to the staff who labor here for the Lord even when some supporters don't understand the value of this ministry. But most of all, thank you, Lord. You have always been faithful, always been our rock, shepherd and defender, always been the Father who knows how to give good gifts to His children.

Everyone, have a great summer, and may you fully experience all the Lord has for you this day!

In His grace,

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