

Cold Hands - Warm Hearts

You've heard the expression, "cold hands, warm heart"? Last week, Thursday, Dec. 4 and Friday, Dec.5 eight men with cold hands and feet but with warm and loving hearts gathered in Lafayette TN to help re-build the home of Roger and Shirley Tuck. Their house had been a victim of a tornado in Spring 08.

Members of The Grace Team (on two previous trips) had done most of the vinyl siding. Left to do was install the the soffit and fascia. 4 pickups, one trailer, 8 brothers and lots of tools - what a way to start.

We unloaded our tools and began with much gusto and enthusiasm. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalm 133:1 We completed most of the front porch and the gable ends before succumbing to the cold weather and fatigue.

We caravanned a few miles East of town to New Life Community (Baptist) Church where we were to spend the night. Nancy Suddarth, Sam's wife, and Louise Russell from Jenkins C.P. Church were there and preparing our evening meal of hot vegetable or potato (or both) soup, crackers and cake. Around the table were Sam Wilson, Ken Davis, Richard Peden, Paul McCallie and

Huston Guetner, all from Kingston TN; Sam Suddarth, leader of The Grace Team, Nancy and Louise, Smyrna TN; Bryce Parks and Obadiah Okeson, Hodgenville KY and Shirley Tuck, our hostess. A good meal and fine conversation.

After supper we unpacked our cots, mattresses and sleeping bags and spent a pleasant couple of hours singing praises to our Lord and just plain fellowshiping. The Kingston trio + 2 told of their Mexico adventure this fall. They built two houses in two days in a very poor area across the border from Laredo TX.

We leisurely awoke to coffee and donuts and more good fellowship. Back to the worksite where we finished the project to the thanks and tears of Shirley. We were all glad to be of service to her and Roger and to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I know we all have a special friend in Lafayette.

In His love and service, Obadiah

P.S. If you have enjoyed this report and been desiring to "do" for Jesus, contact me or any member of The Grace Team.