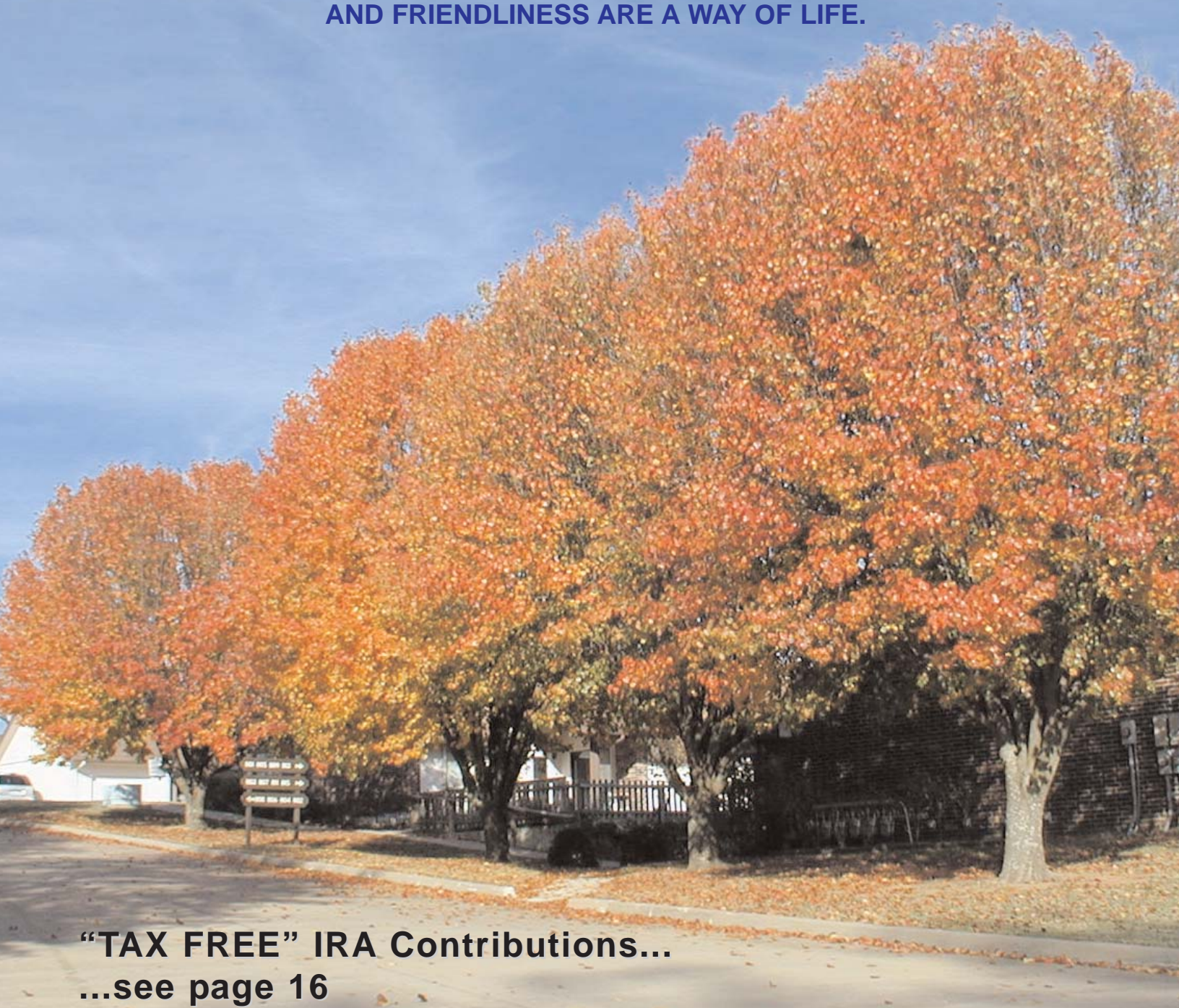


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Come Home to Go Ye Village

—David Williams, Chief Executive Officer



Most everyone has had the opportunity to get away for a few days, a week, or maybe longer on a special "vacation." Recently, my wife (Kathy) and I took the opportunity to travel over to the "Smoky Mountains" of Tennessee. The long drive up I-40 through Arkansas into

Tennessee was as stressful as you can imagine, but the anticipation of arriving at our destination kept us forging forward.

We thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. The majesty of the mountains and the foliage was at its peak. What a beautiful site of God's creation! If you have ever been there, you know how beautiful it can be. The views from the cabin we had secured for our stay were awesome, but after a few days of seeing the sights and taking in the attractions, it was time to get packed and head home.

The drive home seemed to be less stressful (back on I-40). Perhaps that was because we knew what to expect when we reached our destination. We were heading to our home in the rolling hills of Northeastern Oklahoma. As enjoyable as the trip was, "coming home" was even better!

As you will read in other articles of this issue, residents of Go Ye Village often travel to various places around the country (and overseas too). I am sure they too would say (without question), "It's good to be home." The difference for residents of Go Ye Village, however, is that when residents travel, they know that their home at Go Ye Village will be secure. There is no need to ask someone to check on things, make sure the oven was turned off, the HVAC was set at the right temp, or keep an eye out for strangers wandering by. Those securities are already built into the LIFE-CARE program. They can simply travel worry free knowing that their home will be in loving hands while they are away and waiting for them on their return.

We invite you to "come home" to Go Ye Village.

Many of our readers have considered the Village but haven't yet made the decision to move. There is no better time than now! We are in a fortunate position to have some apartment styles currently available that haven't been for some time. Take advantage of current incentives designed to ease the frustrations of a struggling economy and secure your future with Life-Care at Go Ye Village.

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Welcome New Residents!

A Conversation with Kaye DePinto



Kaye is full of life and her conversation is full of honoring Jesus Christ who is her Lord. She was in her thirties when she became a Christian. She remembers early on wanting to please God and be a peacemaker. She hoped to gain indulgences in her church by reading the Bible. In confirmation class she learned that the Holy Spirit gives power. During her long search for God, as she tried many things suggested to her by religious guides, she finally became exhausted in her heart and one day at age 33, she found herself calling on Jesus' name. She says that God's Spirit gave her voice that day. She cried, "Jesus, help me!" No one had ever told her to look to Jesus Christ. She finally understood. She called on the Saviour to forgive her sins and she trusted completely in Him. God's Spirit came to dwell in her being.

Kaye was born in Chicago, Illinois and lived there for 49 years. She became a secretary right out of high school for a year and a half, and as she got to know her bachelor boss, she began to think "hmm.....he is an only child like me, he's a Catholic as I am, he plays the accordion as I do, he's an

Italian, and that I really like!" Sadly for Kaye, Tom, her boss, left for another position. However, he called her after two weeks and asked her for a date. They went out six times together and always with friends or family. After date number six he asked her to marry him and she said, "Yes!" Six months later they were married.

With Tom's good job as Executive Director of a trade association, they continued to live in the Chicago area. Kaye was thrilled to be able to stay home and raise her three lovely daughters, Mary Kaye, who now has her Masters as a teacher in special education, and Vicky and Teri, both who have careers as Registered Nurses. Kaye also has seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Kay began to attend the Assembly of God church after finding Christ as her Savior. Tom thought she was off on one of her tangents. They argued a lot, but one day after some particularly hard words from Tom, she heard herself saying, "Tom, I love you more than anything, and I want you to have this peace and joy that I have in Jesus." No harsh words came out of her mouth that day, but only what God's Spirit said through her. Tom was taken aback. He began to go to church with her. He came to Christ, but it took a year.

Kaye says the Lord called her to be a nurse at age 40, but she did not have any college education. What to do? Dear Tom said to her, "just start your nurses' training." Even though they had two girls in college at the time, her hubby said to her, "God will provide." Kaye had always longed to be a helper in any way she could. She had wanted to be a teacher early on, and now she could serve God and people with her nurses' training. Later she became a teacher of nurses. In this way God fulfilled both her desires when they moved to Springfield, MO.

One day Tom heard God's call and decided to leave his lucrative job to go to seminary and give his life full-time serving the Lord. He became chaplain at Maranatha Retirement Village for about seven years.

Tom became ill and they moved to Tahlequah in 2001 where he built a lovely and ample house for his family. He lived there with his beloved wife and

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family for only eleven months. The terrible disease, pulmonary fibrosis, ended his life on this earth, and he went to be with the Lord. Two days before dying he spoke words of wisdom to his grief-stricken wife quoting Proverbs 3:5,6. He said she must trust totally in God and not her own understanding, and recognize and accept God's leading. Tom served his country in the Army and was buried in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery. He was a veteran of the Korean war.

Kaye missed so much their ministry together after Tom's passing. She sought the Lord, and He led her to become ordained and endorsed as a Chaplain with the Assemblies of God. Today she serves as one of the Chaplains at the Tahlequah City Hospital. She also works part-time there as a nurse educator.

One of the ways Kaye knew about Go Ye Village was through her son-in-law who was Chaplain at Markoma Bible Academy for many years. She also realized that the Village held to the same concepts as Maranatha where they had served years before. Even though it was difficult for her to do so, she realized that it was time for her to leave her big home of eleven rooms and find a smaller place where she could have good care as she grew older. Kaye moved into a Garden Apartment in mid-August and is steadily settling into her new home. How happy we are to have her here. Let's all make it a point to meet her and give her a hearty welcome.

—Staff Reporter, Peggy Lopez



VONETTE'S VISIT

**A woman of prayer, a woman of courage,
a Christian woman:**



Vonette Bright

Yes, this lady came to see a friend at Go Ye Village and shared what it means to know Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Vonette's heart led her first to Bill, her beloved husband, and then to Christ; she became a wonderful instrument "In His Hands," which is the title of a book she has written recently. As the Bible wins readers to the living Lord, so Bill Bright's letters to his bride-to-be led her to know his heart, and when she tested the truth of his faith she found the truth for herself. Vonette and Bill, who is now with the Lord, founded Campus Crusade for Christ. This organization has expanded to include the "Jesus" film which accurately, poignantly portrays the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With the portals forever open to our Heavenly Father, the reality of the power of prayer directly to God through Jesus Christ led Vonette to join Bill in the surrender of their lives to follow Jesus. Prayer enabled both of them to action. Dr. Henrietta Mears, Hollywood church's Director of Christian Education, influenced the couple, and soon Vonette was able to "place all her cares upon Christ."

Vonette stood for an hour to update us on the ministry, ignoring the bone-on-bone pain from a knee facing surgery. She radiated Christ's loving kindness. Go Ye Village and our Tahlequah community basked in the blessing of Vonette's heart of love shared with us, and we shall continue to "thank our God upon every remembrance of her."

—Staff Reporter, Winn Verbica

We Honor You - Go Ye Village Veterans

by Ron Genheimer, Staff Reporter

A HERITAGE ALBUM with pictures of Village Resident Veterans and their wives graces the foyer of the Village. All the branches of the service are represented by 86 pictures of men and women. 43 of them did not note their branch of service, 20 listed Army, 13 Navy, 6 Air Force, 3 Marine, and 1 Coast Guard. Of these 10 were women. In addition, there are pictures of 36 wives of servicemen.

Who are these whom we honor, and what did they do? Here is a quick glimpse of four of our present veterans.

Sergeant George Gibbs is a Marine who served from 1943-1946 in many of the Pacific Islands as well as the occupation of Japan. He was a rifle marksman and served on a machine gun crew. On the wall of the Gibbs' apartment is an attractive montage of medals including Honorable Service, Foreign Service, Good Conduct and a Presidential Unit Citation. The citation was for "outstanding performance in combat during the seizure and occupation of the Japanese-held Atoll of Tarawa, Gilbert Islands....against crushing odds."

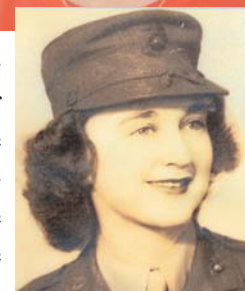


the way. He met Dorothy while in service, courted her for a year, was engaged to her for a further year, and then married her just before leaving the Navy. He enlisted to learn a trade, but found a wife, and in January 2012 they will have been married 60 years!

Lyle Petersen joined the Army along with 40 other Moody Bible Institute students and served from 1943-1946. He served in the Pacific Islands as a Medic after one year of medical training in the States. His hospitals were "tents where we cared for wounded and sick G.I.'s." At one time he was in charge of a small prisoner of war hospital tent. He discovered that Japanese were "just people and not animals," and they hated the war like we did, and they needed the Lord. This was one of the events that led us to later serve as missionaries in Japan."



Enid Waddell is a Marine who served from 1945-1946. She was only 20 years old and had to have her mother's permission, as her father had died. She enlisted on the spur of the moment, following a friend, but earned a "bulldog patch" for excellence at boot camp. Enid attended a "tower school" where they used flight simulators, and did well except for struggling with left turns! She was stationed state-side checking flight plans for Marine pilots. She, too, found her love through the service. A Marine whose name was Dance met her at a dance, because she loved to dance, and they had 48 special years together. Enid is very grateful for the discipline she learned while in the service.



Harold Driver joined the Navy and served from 1948-1952 on an aircraft carrier. He was trained as an "aviation radio technician" which came in very useful in later life, though he did not use it

while on the carrier. Harold saw service in the Mediterranean as well as the Pacific during the Korean War, passing through the Panama Canal on

Chapel Corner

Our Go Ye Village Chapel does not have the committees often found in a local church such as elders and deacons, but we do have a Missions Committee that meets once each month.

Five or six of our residents are chosen to serve for a period of two years. They must then stay off of the committee for at least one year before they may be elected to serve again. Our present Missions Committee is made up of Ron Genheimer (chairman), Priscilla Barnes, Don Hoyt, Wil Norton, and Don Rutledge. Paul Tavener, our chaplain, Eleanor Scheffler, our Chapel Treasurer, and Monnie Schroder, Missions Committee secretary are automatically members of the Missions Committee. All members have voting power.

Some of the members have been missionaries before coming to Go Ye Village, but it is not a requirement for serving on the committee.

The Chapel currently gives a total of \$3,000 monthly to specified missionaries. When the amount of money given by our residents exceeds \$3,000, the balance may be put into a "Projects Fund." This is used for special needs of various missions or mission organizations, including but not limited to those that are supported by the Chapel on a regular basis.

The Chapel currently supports 15 different missionaries or mission organizations each month. In future "Chapel Corners," we hope to acquaint our readers with the recipients of our offerings and our prayers.

—Staff Reporter, Miriam Levensgood

Chaplain Paul Tavener



Go Ye Village has the unique privilege of a *full-time Chaplain!* Living in the Main Building here, one may step outside the door to find Chaplain Paul Tavener on his daily prayer/exercise walk through the halls.

Chaplain Paul's personal interest in the residents extends beyond the weekly Wednesday morning Bible studies and Sunday services to include his goal of helping each person here *finish well*; knowing the Savior makes that possible. When sickness finds a person in the hospital, Chaplain Paul inevitably will be by the bedside to encourage and to pray for healing and comfort.

In a non-denominational Bible study, Chaplain Paul imparts the Word of God; he does this so articulately that even the Chapel's 6:00 p.m. service is usually filled to capacity! During the fifteen years that Chaplain Paul has been on staff, each Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. he plumbs the depths of the Word of God, looking at the original language. The roots of our Judeo Christian faith throughout the Old Testament are included. We have seen how the Minor Prophets (Hosea, Joel, Jonah, Micah, Habakkuk, and Malachi), the books of Genesis, Judges, Proverbs and the Psalms of Ascent (121 through 134), enrich the New Testament, and in the books of James and Revelation, the Old Testament is fulfilled in the New.

Paul Tavener's undergraduate work provided him a BA in Pre-Theology/philosophy at King's College in New York, and his graduate work gave him a Masters of Divinity at Biblical Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. Paul served as an assistant Pastor for seven years on Long Island and as senior Pastor for fourteen years in New Jersey. Albeit an easterner, Go Ye's Chaplain has found the south, home!

Paul's helpmate, Donna, to whom he has been married 39 years, comes alongside Paul providing for the Chapel congregation the music so many love to hear. Donna plays both piano and organ. The couple enjoy their three precious children and ten grandchildren. If a person arrives at Go Ye Village alone and processing grief, the comfort of the Lord awaits, perhaps along the hall!

—Staff Reporter, Winn Verbica

Resident Travels



Peggy in Huelva, Spain

Do you know from where in Spain Christopher Columbus sailed in his daring journey west across the Atlantic? He had three little ships in tow all the way. What were their names? Let's see...was it in our high school history class...., or was it in grammar school we learned about the discovery of America?

Huelva, Spain is only a few miles from where this famous historic event unfolded at Port of Palos which is close to Cadiz. You can find it on a map of Spain. Oscar and I were treated by our Spanish friends to a visit to the park and museum where the three replica caravels are anchored in water. Each is built according to the size of the Spanish sea-faring ships of the 15th century, according to the history plaques in the museum. So, they are approximately the same size in which Columbus and his crew went across the ocean looking for Asia-India, and they found something else! Say, are you still wondering? The three small ships are the Pinta, the Nina, and the Santa Maria. The latter was the largest from which Columbus commanded the fleet. The crew numbered at least 50 to 60 men. When I explored these replica sailboats at the park, I marvelled how all these men possibly lived on such tiny vessels.

We have had ongoing teaching and preaching ministries in this beautiful port city for several years. God is working in these believers' lives. There are five or six groups from the Brethren Churches who are seriously studying the Bible courses we introduced to them about three or four years ago. What is exciting to us is to see a good group of young people eager every week to get together and systematically study the Word of God. The courses they study come out of our Mission's theological seminary in Guatemala City. These are being studied and completed in other Spanish-speaking countries as well.

Pepe and Esther picked us up at the Sevilla airport on June 24 and drove us to their home in Huelva about an hour and a half away. Their apartment (called "piso" in Spain) is small and modest, but typical of the middle-class living

quarters. This quaint city is built right on the southern Atlantic coast of Spain called the Coast of Light.

The Spaniards are very interesting people. Several times in our travels they have gone out of their way to help us as visitors in their lovely country when we were lost or asking for specific directions. For the most part, among the Christian believers anyway, they are wonderful hosts. The Spanish people love their wines, but they drink mainly with their meals and on special occasions. I have never seen a drunk Spaniard, and certainly not one sprawled in the street. They are proud people, well-educated, polite and at the same time direct and candid. I remember the time some years ago that I was with a missionary friend who was driving a neighbor lady and her daughter from school to their home. The Spanish-speaking friend said quite bluntly to the missionary, "Listen, you don't speak 'the Castellano' (Spanish Language) well at all. You've got to improve!" My friend was taken aback and embarrassed. If a foreigner goes to live in Spain, he must learn "the Castellano" very well.

Pepe and Esther took Oscar and me for a ride one day over to Portugal. Huelva is quite close to the Portuguese border. We visited a beautiful little town on a river there. The sun was bright and the town, Tavira (I believe was its name) was dazzling. It was full of white walled churches and houses with red roofs. We saw something there, though, that saddened and frightened us. Our friends took us down into the dungeon of an ancient building where there were several chambers of torture. There were at least eight kinds of torture instruments of the Roman Era and it is said that these places of torture were used during the Inquisition period. Enough said. It was a horrible place to see.

Soon after, we returned to Seville and took the plane to the Canary Islands that belong to Spain for another ministry among the lovely people of these Islands. In another opportunity I'll share with you about this bright spot on the map.

—Peggy Lopez, Staff Reporter



Oscar is standing on a bridge in Portugal

Resident Travels_(Cont.)



Lorraine and Willis Grimm in Alaska

When Lorraine and I were married last October, I promised her that our first extended trip would be to Alaska to visit my son, his wife, their four children and four grandchildren (all but one born in Alaska). We went in late June so we were there for the Summer Solstice-sun up for 19 hours, 20 minutes. The other 4 hours and 40 minutes were semi-dark during the night.

Our son and daughter-in-law live in Anchorage so we enjoyed the scenery and attractions there. We also took several "day trips." One was south along Turnagain Arm of Cook Inlet to Portage Glacier. We saw eagles, Dall sheep, moose and whales from this highway.

We also went north to Talkeetna where we got a clear view of Mount McKinley. (Alaskans prefer the name Denali which means "The High One.") This

mountain, the highest point in North America at 20,230 feet, makes its own weather and is shrouded in clouds most of the time. On this day it "came out" for 4 hours and was brilliant in the bright sunshine. We ate dinner in a restaurant that had a clear view of the mountain.

Another day we went northeast through the Matanuska Valley where cabbages, melons, and other vegetables that grow above the ground, grow to tremendous size. We got within four miles of the Matanuska Glacier and then drove on to the summit from which we could see the Alaska Mountain Range, also the Chugach and Talkeetna Ranges.

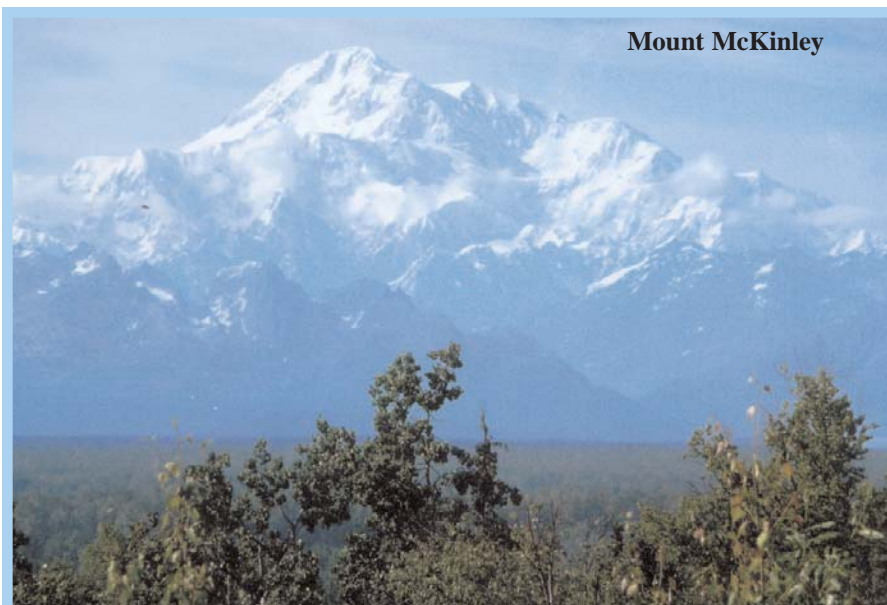


Flowers in hanging baskets.

On another trip we took the Alaska Railroad train down into the Kenai Peninsula as far as Seward. This was on Thursday before the Fourth of July and the community was setting up for the Mt. Marathon Run. While there, we visited the Seaman's Mission that ministers to crew members from the excursion ships and freighters that dock there.

When we flew home, Lorraine agreed with me that you cannot describe Alaska adequately-you have to experience it.

—Willis and Lorraine Grimm



Mount McKinley

Dr. Oscar Lopez

(Lives in a Garden Apartment at Go Ye Village, but works outside the Village)

Activities



Early every Monday morning Dr. Lopez drives his small pickup to the Tulsa International Airport to board the plane for Houston. His students at the Houston Extension of Dallas Theological Seminary wait for this veteran professor to refine their ministerial skills. Some of the subjects Oscar teaches are preaching, Pastoral Theology and leadership, worship, spiritual life, evangelism and some mission courses.

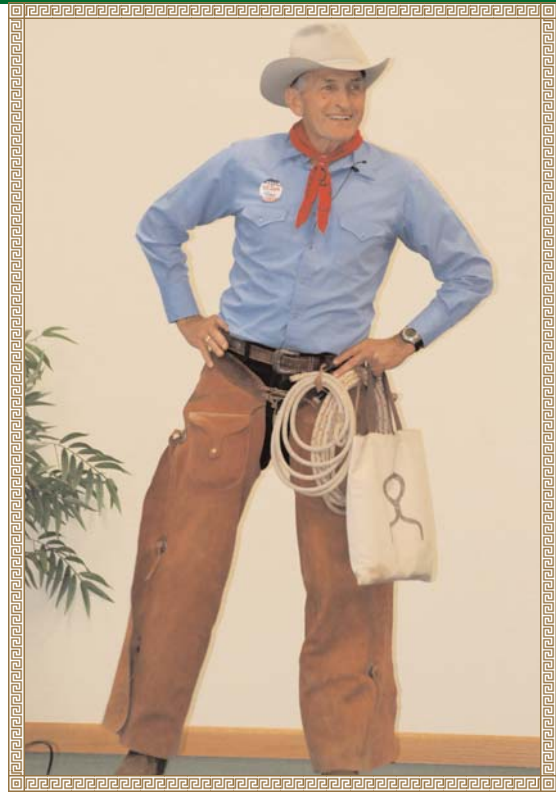
Dr. Lopez has semi-retired, while the seminary looks for his replacement. The “retirement” has been put on hold more than once.

Oscar and Peggy bring to us their rich heritage of cultures. Throughout the years as missionaries, God has taken them to minister on four continents. They thank the Lord for the opportunity to be trained academically to accomplish His purposes.

Oscar belongs to the second generation of Christians in Guatemala, Central America. He came to know Christ when he was eleven years old. With Peggy, they raised three children. The oldest is a pastor and their two daughters work in the corporate world.

Peggy and Oscar signed up for Deferred Residency at Go Ye Village eight years ago. They say that it has a double benefit for them! First, they enjoy a smooth transition in approaching ministry in the later years of life. Second, their children are grateful their aging parents have the benefit of life care.

Oscar and Peggy, Go Ye is happy you are here!
—Staff Reporter, “Winn” Verbica



Andy Hogan, of Claremore, presents Will Rogers stories at our “Circle The Wagon” event

Circle The Wagons

A western theme dinner show was held in Richardson Hall in September.

Go Ye Village residents and guests from the community enjoyed a talent-packed evening with the Oklahoma Sweetheart Cloggers, some western piano tunes by Norma Jean Hildebrandt of Tahlequah, along with Gary Gore as Gentlemen Jim Reeves and Jane Newton as Patsy Cline, also of Tahlequah. Andy Hogan, of Claremore, topped the evening off with his presentation of Will Rogers stories.

—Pam Ward, Activities Director



The Oklahoma Sweetheart Cloggers perform

Meet Our Resident Baby-Quilt Maker!

*She's 91 years old.
She's almost blind from
macular degeneration.
She recognizes people
by their voices.
She always has a cheerful
greeting for everyone
she meets.*

Her name is Lorene Dobson, and she moved here to Go Ye Village from Arizona five years ago, at age 86.

Lorene grew up in Waterloo, Iowa where she attended the Church of the Brethren, a Bible-teaching church in a small area known as Orange Township. While working as a waitress at Fort Hopkins Drug Store, Lorene met her future husband, Hubert Dobson. He studied mechanical engineering at the University of Illinois, but had dropped out of school to work in refrigeration in three different states before coming to Waterloo. Hubert really wanted to complete his studies before getting married. Lorene said she didn't care how long it would take, she would wait for him to get his degree.

Lorene and Hubert married and moved to California, where Hubert designed airplanes at a factory in the Los Angeles area. Lorene worked as a riveter on a P38 during World War II at the same place.

Hubert had asthma and emphysema, which got worse while working there, so after three years they moved to Colorado hoping the more clear atmosphere would help his breathing.

They had three children by then, Kim, June and Joe. Lorene earned an LPN degree and worked as a nurse's aide at a 25-bed terminal cancer medical center. She moved with patients when they needed bedside nursing. She says, "The Lord knew what I liked to do, and there was always a place for me."

They didn't have a lot of money when they made the move, so they lived in a cabin 20 miles outside of Denver. Lorene's family back in Iowa were horrified



when they learned that they had an outdoor toilet, they carried water for drinking, and they had to use a washing machine with a wringer! But the children enjoyed the snow at 8,000 feet, and they hiked all over the mountains.

The family regularly attended Sunday School at Bergen Park Community Church, and life was good for everyone except Hubert. His asthma was getting worse, and the doctor said they would have to move down lower. They settled in

Edgewater, a suburb of Denver. There was a little pond just two blocks from their home, which froze in winter, where the kids enjoyed ice-skating.

Hubert's breathing problem became too much for him and he died there in Colorado after he and Lorene had enjoyed 20 years of happily married life. At the age of 43, Lorene was left with three children to raise alone--Kim, age 17, June, age 16, and Joe, age 12.

Kim was autistic. Lorene took care of him until she had to work, but then she had to place him in a state institution. A friend named Candy wanted to work at home, so she took two children to raise, supported by the state. One of them was Kim. Lorene kept her son on weekends and whenever she was not working. Candy took Kim to a special school and lovingly cared for him as though he were her own child. He died two years ago, after Lorene had moved here to Go Ye Village. We had all heard about Kim and felt as though we too had lost a loved one.

Lorene's daughter June married Bill, whom she had met at the church near Denver. He was in the Marines at the time. Some good friends of Bill and June were responsible for letting Lorene and her family know about Go Ye Village. Bill and June now live near Stilwell, not far east of Tahlequah.

As for Lorene--she's 91 and almost blind, but she

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My Transition to the Village by Val Wymer



Pictured are some of the baby quilts Lorene has made

doesn't sit around all day doing nothing! Instead, she works all day making baby quilts! Another resident, Leon Friend, delivers the quilts to Hastings Indian Hospital here in Tahlequah, where a quilt is given to new babies as they leave the hospital with their mother. Lee Blystone, another resident here, threads needles--24 at a time--for Lorene since she can't see to do that. Daughter June provides material which she had into squares, and Lorene takes it from there.

I asked Lorene how she came to think of doing this. She said so many folks do volunteer missionary work in the area which she can't do. Several years ago, when a number of our residents crocheted caps for newborn babies at Hastings Hospital, Lorene decided she could make baby crib quilts for them. Her right eye is now completely blind, and her left eye is bleeding, but Lorene will probably come up with some new idea when her sight is completely gone. Why? Because her goal in life is to help others.

She's a wonderful inspiration to all who know her!
—Staff Reporter, Miriam Levensgood



When I retired from the Dallas Public Library, there were several factors that influenced the decision to relocate for my future years. The escalating cost of upkeep and repairs on my large home, changes in the neighborhood as many friends

passed away or moved were considerations. Even such things as mowing became more than I could do myself, and costly to hire done. It had been a suitable home for our family of six, but with just myself it was much more space than was required, or desired.

In reflecting upon the type of area in which I wanted to spend my retirement years, the memory of an enjoyable move from a large city to a country town as a teenager came to mind. While contemplating the activities of my life that meant the most to me, my church's expository preaching from God's Word, as well as opportunities for service, topped the list. Spending time with friends and interacting in a weekly women's interdenominational group was satisfying. Swimming in the pool at a local spa several days a week was enjoyable and healthful. Working on my Master's Degree in Christian Counseling at a nearby university was rewarding, but nearly finished. I read extensively, so an adequate library was a high priority.

These factors were on my mind as I searched for a new home. Several years passed without finding that special place, when in a conversation with my Pastor and his wife mention was made of Go Ye Village. They loaned me a copy of the Village Views, and I was immediately intrigued! Further investigation assured me of the possibility of every activity I enjoyed, as well as it being located in a manageable distance for my children and their families to visit.

An important offering that really interested me was the Life Care program. Beyond the considerations previously mentioned, I certainly was concerned about where I might need to spend some

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time should I become incapacitated. Although I am in reasonably good health, I have a degenerative arthritic condition much like my mother's. She lived to the age of 102, in her latter years requiring care. If I continue to follow her pattern, I certainly would need an assisted care program. This was something I had not contemplated in a retirement community, and was thrilled to know was available. I discovered that in addition to excellent professional care in well maintained units, there is a schedule whereby Village volunteers offer services, lead special programs, and host monthly birthday and anniversary celebrations for residents. This was very appealing to me.

When my son David and daughter Laurie brought me for a visit in 2005, we were impressed by the warm welcome we received. After a tour of the Main Building, and visits to apartments on "the hill," I fell in love with a Bluebird duplex at first sight. I had been interested in this floor plan, but was concerned because I wanted an extra bedroom for visits from my family. Much to my surprise, the vacant one had an extra room, added for use as a sunroom, but large enough to make into a small bedroom. I immediately felt that this was the perfect choice for me, and my companion "Whimsy," my cat.

Besides this lovely little home, I found everything I had desired in retirement. In addition to churches of many denominations in the area, the Village Chapel is a very special place of worship, offering morning and evening services as well as Bible studies and opportunity for group prayer sessions. Some residents choose Chapel to be their regular place of worship, while others attend morning services elsewhere, and enjoy the preaching of our Chaplain Paul Tavener and many outstanding visiting speakers in the evening. I value the traditional old hymns played on organ and piano, the quiet times of meditation offered in Chapel.

Tahlequah is located in a beautiful area, with many lakes offering opportunities such as boat and canoe trips, fishing and picnicking. The city has a small-town atmosphere where gentlemen hold doors for ladies, and people passing on the street often share a smile and a word of greeting. This reminds me of the daily life of the small town of my youth.

The city of Tahlequah has a large hospital, and excellent library, restaurants, banks, shops and small businesses of every description, as well as a huge

Wal-mart store. I especially appreciate the health and fitness membership offered by the Village to the local university, which has an Olympic size pool, and all types of exercise equipment.

A very special quality of the Village is the attitude shown by the management toward residents. A person is treated like an individual who is valued, someone whose concerns are important. Each area chooses a representative who meets regularly with administration at a bi-monthly council, where concerns are dealt with, and questions regarding the running of sections are answered. For more immediate needs, the heads of various administrative units are available during regular business hours. Any emergencies that arise during off hours are dealt with in prompt manner by either the residential care unit or the night custodian.

There is an old poem that tells us to "make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver and the other is gold." I've found many "silver" friends here, those who care, share, and love me

despite my faults. In a regular afternoon gathering soon after moving here, I admired a platform rocker of Mary's, saying I had been shopping for one like it to complete my living room. She quickly offered it to me, saying Florence had just given her a desk she no longer needed, and thus she wouldn't have space for the chair. Walking back to Shirley's home, I was able to provide her with a wheeled television stand she could use for her new computer set-up, I no longer needed. This is just a sample of the sort of friendship found here.

My five years at Go Ye Village have lived up to everything desired and more than contemplated. I feel very blessed to be here, and thankful to those who had this vision, as well as those who are continuing to carry it out in such a thoughtful manner. It is a very special place!

—Contributed by Val Wymer, guest writer

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Activities



Go Ye Trip to Branson, Missouri

A group of twenty residents made the journey to Branson, Missouri for a non-stop, fun-filled, two-day stay. The Ozark adventure included a bountiful lunch after which everyone headed out for a backstage tour of the “Noah” Sight and Sound Theater set, followed by the impressive musical performance.

After a quick dinner and motel check in, everyone was ready to enjoy the evening musical performance by the very gifted “Duttons.” Although different from “Noah,” it was a spectacular show. The next day brought a morning of sightseeing in Branson before happily heading home to Go Ye Village with many great memories. —Pam Ward, Activities Director

Guest at Go Ye Village, George and Ann Collins

Energetic, vivacious and creative, dear friends arrived from California prepared for a week of every adventure God might provide! May I share their visit with you? At ages 84 and 78 respectively, George and Ann depict the American dream. Their faith in Jesus Christ yields excitement that never wanes. This truth shone brightly during their visit!

Go Ye's ample guest apartment accommodated their needs, and George commented on the luxury of rest. One of the Collins' greatest pleasures proved to be special conversations with residents of Go Ye Village, Gladys Bowman, Alice Petersen and numerous other folks they met along the hallways. Unforgettable for the Collins was their introduction to Go Ye at the elegant shrimp and steak dinner the evening of their arrival when Gene and Bev Tindall joined us, after welcoming my friends at the Tulsa airport. George and Ann enjoyed their conversation with Go Ye Dining Room's Chef, Kymon Norwood.

Adventuring out each day brought memories for each of us as we enjoyed reminiscing about our together times in California. Options greeted us from the plethora of resources offered us by the Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce. My friends explored the historical riches of the Thompson House with Beth Harrington, the poignant Trail of Tears at the Cherokee Museum, Indian art and history at Muskogee's Cherokee Heritage Center, and treasures of the Murrell Home. We skirted the perimeters of Northeastern State University and marveled at its recreation facilities.

The beauty of Lake Tenkiller beckoned us to drive around the lake, and the glories of an Oklahoma sunset enhanced our pleasure as we returned to Tahlequah. The new China Super Buffet restaurant transported us to experience the cuisine of that nation with its delectable variety of foods. And



Ann on a Pasafino mare

Pasafino mare, trained to perfection by her owners. All eighteen head of their prized animals are treasured individually by the Wiens. The horses regularly perform synchronized displays of obedience in response to excellent horsemanship. George and Ann concurred that "The Horse Whisperer" could learn from David and Lynn!

Our hearts were touched as First Baptist Church's Buddy Hunt preached his usual excellent message, and the choir's joy-filled worship blessed each friendly parishioner.

A special closing highlight for the Collins was a memorable visit with my family at Salters' farm and the joy of viewing the largest manmade lake in Oklahoma. Eufaula was our last stopping place. My daughter drove George and Ann to Tulsa for their return flight to California, leaving sweet encouragement in their wake.

Dear George and Ann, Go Ye Village welcomes you back soon! —Staff Reporter, "Winn" Verbica



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The Role of Giving in the Ministry of Go Ye Village

Since the beginning of our ministry 35 years ago, we have sought to provide housing and healthcare to retired individuals and couples who have served the Lord as missionaries, pastors, teachers and in other careers. We chose to incorporate as a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) under the IRS tax code, so we could accept gifts to retire the long-term bonds that funded the construction of our facilities and to subsidize our operating cost. Like most faith-based schools and hospitals whose tuition or patient billing does not cover the cost of services and capital needs, the entrance fees and monthly care and service billings do not cover the full expenses of Go Ye Village for operation and debt service. We are dependent on supplemental income from Christian stewards. Our needs are increased as we are approaching the final four years of our bond repayments, with rising costs in a weak economy.

We are trusting God to provide the resources to continue caring for our residents and welcome the large number of Baby Boomers who are in need of our services. The enclosed envelope contains a pamphlet on **Go Ye Village Partners**. Please read it and prayerfully consider what part the Lord would have for you.

We also want to call your attention to **TAX FREE IRA GIFTS**. The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 has extended the IRA Charitable Rollover until December 31, 2011. So if you are age 70 ½ or older, you can use your IRA to make charitable contributions to Go Ye Village without your withdrawals being counted as taxable income. A gift up to \$100,000 is permitted by year end and it will be

counted for your required minimum distribution (RDM).

We encourage you to consult your financial and tax advisor to see whether the IRA Charitable Rollover is right for you. Once you have decided to make a contribution with an IRA gift, you must contact the trustee of your IRA account and request a qualified charitable distribution.

Once you have made this request for distribution, please use the envelope that is attached in this publication to let us know to expect a distribution from your IRA account. Because the qualified charitable distribution requires substantiation just like any charitable gift, we want to send you an acknowledgement that we have received the funds. Checks must be made out to Go Ye Village, Inc. and your IRA custodian should send the distribution check directly to the Village at the following address:

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