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Dear Friends,

This month's letter is a brief one. The renovations that have been underway since the end of August have been at times overwhelming. We've been without a kitchen since the first week of September—our stove and sink sitting under a canopy on the back deck. We have a garden hose supplying the cold water to the sink and a kettle atop the stove heats the water for dishwashing. Early morning sink detail is preceded by a scooping out of the fast-falling leaves of autumn.

As I type this, there are about 14 men throughout the house from the basement to the third floor. Work is progressing and, by God's grace, we're able to see the goal of all our day-to-day challenges and annoyances.

We're grateful for the blessing that all this will become. Keeping our eye on the prize is a fundamental necessity in the midst of adversity, isn't it? Without the goal being fixed in our hearts and minds it can be easy to lose focus and give in to aggravation and ultimately, discouragement. That's one of the reasons that the writer of the book of Hebrews reminds us to,

".....fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

Jesus saw beyond the cross. He saw the joy that would spring from a people who were born of the Spirit of God to be the Bride Of Christ! Joy Unspeakable and Full Of Glory! (a bit of a paraphrase here of 1 Peter 1:8)

We rejoice in the wonderful provision of God for all that's being done here at Covered Bridge—those things for this house and especially for those things that hold eternal significance in the lives of the men and families that we serve. As things in this world become more and more unstable we proclaim the Solid Rock of God's Word and the Life that we have in His Name!

We want to thank everyone who responded to our need for paper products, copier paper and printer cartridges. We could still use some HP74 (Black Ink) cartridges. Another need that we have is for new pillows and pillow cases for each of the six beds. The pillows that we have now are in pretty tough shape. If you're considering helping in this way, please buy a "hypo-allergenic" type pillow.

As always, we appreciate your prayers for the men who are here. We'll be celebrating two birthdays this month—Ron will turn 54 on the 23rd and David's 32nd is on the last day of the month, the 31st. In addition to these two birthdays, Patrick will mark his one-year anniversary since his arrival at Covered Bridge on the 9th of October. Bob and Ted continue to work diligently and progress toward their goals. Please continue to pray for family healing and reconciliation.

The back page has a few snapshots of the work in process. Next month we should have some finished shots!! You're always welcome to drop by—we'd love to have you visit! Thank you for your faithful support, you're making a difference!

In His Love & Ours,
Steve & Lorie Clark



Electrician Dana Wells



Our re-located kitchen stove & sink!



The Workcamp Crew--Third Floor Framing



Third Floor Crew



This was the kitchen??!



Urethane for the doors