

NTM Homes

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

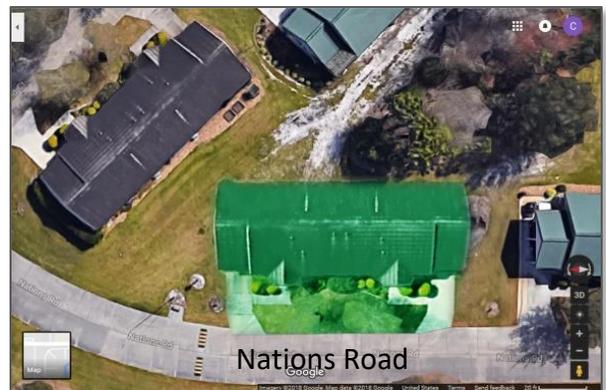
We're in the heat of summer now, and several of our staff are off on their annual partnership development trip, visiting those who stand with us as we serve our veteran missionaries. The remaining staff are working short-handed – each one doing extra to cover for a traveling co-worker. Praise God with us for an outstanding team who serve one another as well as serving our retirees.

I'm on the road myself, and as I interact with supporters, I am drawing on a comparison that was suggested to us by our new chaplain, Dan Royer. As Dan pointed out, our retired missionaries are **veterans** – veteran church planters, veteran translators, veteran educators of missionaries' children, etc. I see evidence even on billboards and bumper stickers that Americans financially support our veteran soldiers, sailors and airmen. And they should! First Corinthians 9:7 asks, "Who serves as a soldier at his own expense?" But was supporting military veterans really Paul's point when he wrote that verse? No. Paul was simply using an example from natural life to support the argument that God's servants deserve to be paid for the work they do. That is true for NTM Homes staff just as it is true for those serving in a ministry in a foreign country.

Scripture speaks to the topic of caring for retired missionaries. The Apostle Paul was a retired veteran church planter when he wrote his second epistle to Timothy. Check out II Tim. 4:6-7. Paul was much like many of the heroes of the faith who presently reside at NTM Homes. Yet, Paul wrote to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:10, 1:15) that his supporters and co-workers had deserted him during the trials of his later years! May that not be so for the retired missionaries living at NTM Homes

A number of our retired missionaries are undersupported, as well as several NTM Homes staff that minister to the retired missionaries. If we can give to non-profit programs for other veterans, surely we can give to the support of these heroes of the faith. It is our responsibility, it is our duty, it is our privilege to care for God's veterans! We thank those of you who stand with us in that ministry through prayer, through physical labor and through financial gifts.

There are two large projects at NTM Homes that I'd like to highlight in this letter. One of the projects we are beginning to build this year in support of our missionary veterans is a wheelchair friendly duplex apartment (location pictured in green to the right).



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All our housing is currently full or being renovated for incoming retirees. We need more housing and have decided that the floorplan of this pair of apartments should accommodate residents who may be wheelchair-bound. Pray with us for both the finances and the right group of volunteer tradesmen to put up this special building.



Secondly, the retaining wall of one of our primary retention ponds, named “Lake Latham,” is nearing 30 years in age and is in critical need of repair. This will be an expensive and labor-intensive project. Pray with us for volunteers who have the right skills and physical strength to accomplish this task.

If God so leads, you can send a check to the address on the letterhead above and designate it for:

- Undersupported staff or undersupported retired missionaries
- NTM Homes new duplex
- Winter lake wall

More information and links for giving can be found on our web site, www.ntmhomes.org. Or call 407-330-1505 and ask about other ways to support staff, retired missionaries or projects.

Thank you so much for the part you play in standing with and caring for our missionary veterans. We are a team. As the Apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 12, we are a body. We could not do what we do without you!

Your teammate,

Jim Sheffield
Assisted Living Facility Administrator

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