

I would like to tell you a story. It is about an elderly lady who is very low income who lives alone in New Hope in a 50 year old trailer. She never had children and has few people in her life. Over 9 months ago, major winds ripped her roof off. A tarp was put down on the roof, but when it rains, water poured down into the trailer bedroom; in fact, the bedroom ceiling is so low one cannot even walk straight into her bedroom. At night when it rains, the elderly lady sleeps in her hospital bed, hooked up to her oxygen, with a large garbage pail sitting between her legs to try to catch the water. It is one of the most depressing sites I have seen in a while.

She is a part of the Adopt A Grandparent program with The CARE Center, so I know her. For nine months, I have tried to get her roof fixed. She certainly could not afford it. She had no insurance and was not eligible for any loans or grants. Over the course of nine months I took 5 groups, including two from Cove, to look at the roof. All 5 groups told me, "no way could the roof be fixed." One person told me it would take **a miracle** because the trailer was so rotten it would fall down if work was done on the roof. Another person told me to contact DHR and have her moved into a nursing home. While I discussed moving to an apartment, the competent 78 year old lady would not leave her cats, dogs, and chicken that all live in her trailer with her.

My c-group got involved with her and for months no answer could be obtained. We did pray for her and the situation. Then something happened about a month ago. A young man showed up at The CARE Center out of the blue. He worked in construction and told me he did not know why he was there, but he felt moved in his Assembly of God (in Gurley) Church to come down to CARE Center to help out an elderly person; he at first ignored this idea but now he could not sleep because of "this notion". So, I took him to look at the trailer telling him about the 5 groups who said there was nothing that could be done. He on the other hand never wavered and told me to not be so unfaithful.

Within a month, a plan was devised. All this young man asked for was 5 people to help him and to raise the money to pay for materials. Two churches and two individuals provided the funding, and this past Saturday, October 25th, I witnessed a miracle. A roof was put on the trailer, and the ceiling was fixed. And – the frail, sick elderly lady uttered two words I have never heard from her – "Thank you".

Thank you Cove for helping with the funding. And thank you to John Jennings, Gary Dillard, Paul Jenson, Buddy Randolph, and Don McWilliams for working all day on this miracle of a mission project.

I know this takes time to read but I just had to share. Thanks especially to Shannon for listening to me about this project for months. Blessings, Linda