

Letter from Our Director . . .

The end of another month. It is also the end of an era in several ways...

First, we finally finished cleaning out the tool trailers at Yankee Stadium in East Biloxi. HUGE kudos to John and Robin Overholt and Don Moore (all from Virginia) who worked all weekend to finish the job. We have now completed the final step in our transition to Bay/Waveland. The last remaining construction site in Biloxi, the Bethel Free Health Clinic, will be dedicated on Saturday March 14th. That, in itself is a momentous occasion, but this will also mark the end of our construction activities in Biloxi. Our goal has always been to "work ourselves out of a job". We cannot say that everything in Biloxi is done, but we can feel good about the progress that has been made and our contribution to it.

The other change is that I will be leaving the area and moving back to Boston on March 11th. Although I will no longer be here to meet-and-greet all of you, I will still be involved in this mission. It is in my heart and soul and I cannot give it up completely. However, I believe that God is calling me to take a different path now. I trusted Him when he called me here in October 2007 and I trust Him as He calls me back to my roots. I look forward with anticipation to how He will continue to use me to support this ministry and this mission. I came here thinking that I would be here for 6 to 8 months. 17 months later, I marvel at the transformation that I have witnessed here along the Gulf Coast. I am blessed to have been a small part of that.

It will be very quiet around the breakfast table at my condo in Boston. I will miss hearing the stories about how God has touched our lives. I will long for the feeling of being the Body of Christ, in action, in service. But most of all I will miss all of you. I will miss the stream of volunteers that come every week; the boomerangers and the first timers; the eager and the apprehensive. I will miss the looks of joy and wonder. I will miss the smiles and the hugs. I will miss the opportunity to be in service to you, my brothers and sisters.

At the time of this writing, we have not yet found the person that will fill this role. Please pray that God reveals this to us soon. I have seen a lot of transition since I have been here and I have witnessed how God responds to our needs. I trust that He will provide the perfect person to carry this mission forward.

Go in peace.

Serve the Lord.

Heather Westcott