

# Beulah

# Land News

## Warm Heads Warm Hearts



*The two kindergarten classes at Rock Creek Elementary School in Erwin, Tennessee pose for a group photo wearing their new hats.*

With temperatures already dipping into the 20s, it was time to deliver crocheted toboggan hats to elementary school children in nearby Erwin, Tennessee. Erwin is surrounded by the beautiful mountains of East Tennessee which at this time of year are clothed in their finest autumn colors.

Last year, we gave over 200 hats to the children at Rock Creek Elementary School in Erwin. This year we made sure that the two kindergarten classes and any new students that had transferred into the school had hats. We didn't want them to feel left out when the other kids wore the hats they got last year.

We chose another school to donate hats to this year: Temple Hill Elementary School—also in Erwin. It has only 132 students in grades K-4. Principal Howell escorted us from classroom to classroom and allowed us to hand out the hats to each class. At first, Mr. Howell told the students to put their hats in their backpacks or



*The children got to pick the hat that they wanted.*

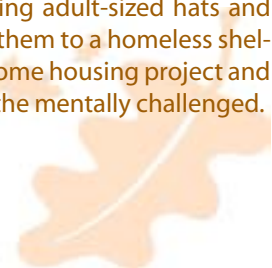


*Students at Temple Hill Elementary School received hats this year.*

storage cube, but the students begged to wear their hats so he told them if their heads were cold to put their hats on. Immediately, they donned their hats. When we left the school, one class was lined up in the hallway ready to go to lunch—all wearing their hats.

We enjoyed seeing the smiling faces of the children. This is the first year that we had actually distributed the hats ourselves. Last year, they were distributed by a third party. A hat is such a simple thing, but it means so much to the children.

We are now calling this ministry "Warm Heads, Warm Hearts". In addition to hats for school children, we will also be making adult-sized hats and distributing them to a homeless shelter, a low income housing project and a school for the mentally challenged.



## Boys to Men

Just a few miles from downtown Johnson City, Tennessee, a former school has been converted into a community center dedicated to serving the neighborhood youth. It is the home of Boys to Men and GirlFriends whose "mission is to build youth into spiritually vital, physically well, educationally motivated, character driven, social impacting adults who do likewise for others".<sup>1</sup> Our Sunday School class, the Prayer Class at Central Baptist Church in Johnson City, took on the project of turning one of the rooms in this former school into an indoor playroom for the kids. This is just the kind of project our class likes.

New flooring was installed, the walls were painted and an indoor tree house was built in one corner of the room. Art students from Science Hill High School in Johnson City painted murals on the walls. Nick built a carpetball game which resembles a miniature bowling alley that involves rolling billard balls on a carpeted surface. Neither one of us had heard of one before. The youth department at Central Baptist has one, so he used it as an example. All in all, the entire playroom project was a success, and the folks at the Refuge were very appreciative.

It only seem fitting that while we were out delivering hats the other day that we should donate some to the Boys to Men/GirlFriends program. We hope they will be a blessings to the children that receive them.



*Libby Adams, staff member at the Refuge, plays carpetball with our grandson, Blake Myers.*



*Wall mural painted by high school art students.*



*Indoor treehouse*

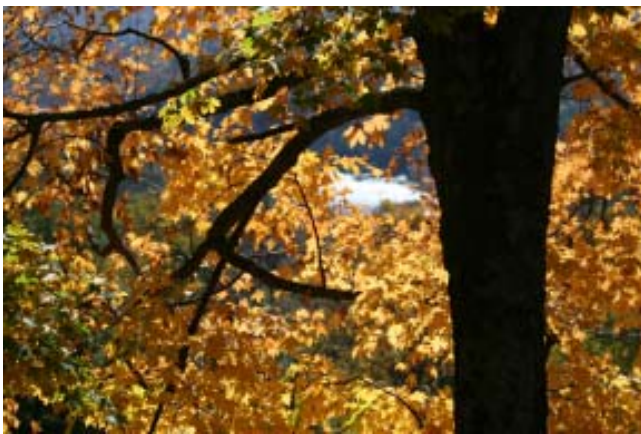
<sup>1</sup>[www.boys-to-men.org](http://www.boys-to-men.org)



## Autumn Splendor

Autumn is my favorite season of the year. As September turns into October, I can hardly wait to see all the beautiful colors that God created for this time of the year. As I look upon this wondrous palette, it only confirms that there is a God, and He spares nothing to create such splendor for us to enjoy each year.

Last week, we took a drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway. This was a first for us. We chose the segment between Boone, North Carolina and Asheville. These photos testify that it was well worth the drive.



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# Rocking Horses

Bonnie Grace Crawford, daughter of single mom, Carolyn Crawford, a coworker of Nick's at the Citigroup Call Center here in Gray, Tennessee received a very special gift for her birthday—a rocking horse made by her "adopted" grandfather, Nick. He worked for weeks cutting, sanding, painting and shellacing the wooden horse into existence. Carolyn reports that the horse is Bonnie Grace's prized possession and that she won't let any of her little cousins play with it. She even tries to take it on road trips.

Nick is going to make two more—one to be raffled off for the Angel Tree at work and one for another "adopted" grandchild, Ian Zeglis, who lives with his sister, Ashley, and parents, Mike and Diane, next door to our grandsons, Blake and Kelby, and their parents, Stephanie and Larry Myers. Ian calls Nick "Pepaw" just like our grandsons. Ian is two years old which makes him just the right size for the rocking horse.



*Bonnie Grace Crawford, daughter of Carolyn Crawford, receives her rocking horse for her birthday.*

