

MWOAPolandReport2010

Dates: Feb.14<sup>th</sup> &15<sup>th</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>,30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 2010

Project Name: Poland Historical Chapel

Project Location: Poland, Indiana

Historical Chapel Project Leader: Joyce Smidley, President

MWOA Project Leaders: Jerry (Jake) and Charlotte Crafton

Theme: “ Reclaimed From the Flames in 2010” as quoted by Pastor Dan Wakefield

Scripture: “ I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me.” Phil 4:13

## The MWOA Poland Historical Chapel Project Report

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As you read this document ask yourself this question: Are all painting jobs like this one?

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Work accomplished prior to our team's participation:

Many days of dedicated work and accomplishments were completed prior to the arrival of the Men and Women of Action team.

Chapel Project Leader, Joyce Smidley worked with Mike Bruner of Bruner Restorations to rebuild the existing bell tower, make new windows to exact specifications of 1869, perform electrical work, install new skirting around the exterior and replace damaged siding on the building as well as conducting many other related projects that required a great attention to historic preservation.

Lee Creasy of Creasy Plastering repaired the damaged ceilings and walls that were burned during the fire that occurred on June 9, 2009.

Crafton Painting & Decorating finished the interior walls, ceiling and woodwork using colors that represented 1869 era finishes.

Scope of the MWOA work beginning February 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

In February of 2010 the aged wood floor was cleaned then stained with a walnut oil stain followed by two coats of floor poly.

Scope of work July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Our team caulked and painted the new bell tower with two coats of satin finish.

Scope of work July 30 & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010:

Assisted by local residents, the board of directors and President Joyce Smidley our team started performing prep work on the exterior of the chapel. Prep work included hand scraping, using one hundred twenty tubes of caulk, tightening loose siding and applying primer as needed. Our team also started work on the aged shutters.

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Scope of work Aug. 6th & 7th, 2010:

Assisted by local residents, the board of directors and President Joyce Smidley our team glazed the front windows, continued to prepare all exterior surfaces and started applying the finish paint products to all exterior substrates in a satin finish. In addition we hand scraped and groomed the front entrance, adjusted the concrete drain spouts and prepared an area for a small concrete ramp.

Dan Wakefield designed a sign for the Chapel and presented it for approval.

Scope of work Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Assisted by local residents, the board of directors and President Joyce Smidley our team finished painting the shutters and conducted hand scraping operations. We continued to caulk, paint and clean the grounds for the dedication service to be conducted the fall of 2010.. Dave Thomas trimmed the trees. Dan Wakefield continued to develop a sign that would be relative to this 1869 Historical Chapel.

Scope of work Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

We arrived at the Chapel with the third load of mulch. We then landscaped the remaining areas around the Chapel grounds. John Brant and Jake poured a small concrete pad and finished it to allow foot traffic from the asphalt to the existing steps.

Scope of work: October 10<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

Remove concrete ramp and continue painting

Interesting things about this Historical Chapel:

I was raised in Clay County, Indiana. I visited this Chapel as a youth. I never have forgotten the quiet, peaceful atmosphere of comfort it brought to me forty years ago, as I entered the big white doors out of youthful curiosity.

At that time there was a registry in the foyer - I thought: "WOW, people have visited this little chapel from all over creation - never dreaming that one day I would participate in a "Reclaimed from the Flames" MWOA project at this very location. It is my opinion that God places thoughts, attitudes and desires in our hearts in advance to use at a later time for His purpose.

As you enter this Historical Chapel be mindful that God is still speaking and calling men and women to accomplish "His" will. This project is somehow in "His" plans.

It was built in 1869 and is still a place of repentance, peace, salvation and renewal. This one sentence alone is a pretty successful history. Let us now continue with the work of restoration.

Why Charlotte and I chose this project.

The leadership and associated friends did not just sit and wait for someone to pass by and help them out. They worked very hard using what God had supplied. It is important to annotate that they used all the available resources at hand to move the project forward towards restoration. This was truly an exercise of faith and steadfastness. They were very positive - never looking back but looking forward with anticipation of renewal. Let me say this if I may: There were no lazy people associated with this project prior to or after our arrival. Everyone has given one hundred per cent to the accomplishment of this community project.

Our desire was to bring something positive into a negative, hurtful situation that affected an entire community and show God's love without restrictions. We desired to be helping hands to dedicated Christians.

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Poland Historical Chapel Board of Directors During the MWOA Phase  
Project: Reclaimed From The Flames in 2010

Joyce A. Smidley, President

Betty Herbert, Vice President

Carolyn Thomas, Secretary

Wilmadean Barker, Treasurer

Dave Thomas, Trustee

Steve Smidley, Trustee

Donna Wells, Trustee

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Supporters of this Historical Project: Everyone on this list contributed to this successful project. The Men and Women of Action are grateful for your continuing efforts to support this work of God. Lives have been changed for the good and restoration has entered many hearts. "Not a bad few days work for a lifetime of effect." Keep up the good work that has a new beginning.

Teresa Raab

Joyce Newman

Janice and James Peterson

Mary Hirt

Marjorie Carson

Betty Herbert

Gordan Spelbring

Dorothy Campbell

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Robert Neese

Memory Quilts: Ramona Bryant and Charlotte Crafton

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Prayer:

Ruth Dayhuff

Don and Dora Pugh

Harold Meyer

Things that occurred after our team arrived:

After working most of the day on the exterior surface of the Chapel while on a forty foot extension ladder, Don Baysinger decided he wanted to get baptized in water. Don had given his heart to the Lord a few weeks prior and was under conviction to be baptized. Pastor Dayhuff, Jim Waddell, Roy Hogue, Jake Crafton, Joyce Smidley and Betty Herbert drove to the Eel River a few miles away. Pastor Dayhuff water baptized Don on Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Jake Crafton was stung by a nasty wasp just under his glasses in the soft tissue on the left side of the face just under the eye. It swelled so as to allow Jake to see his cheek without looking in a mirror (not fun). Pastor Dayhuff asked the Lord what he should do and the following took place: He took painter's putty and pushed in the sting and prayed the prayer of faith, then we went back to work. Not thinking about what had happened until I got home did I realize the healing I had received almost unnoticed. The swelling had vanished, it did not itch and it did not hurt almost instantly after prayer. Perhaps we were so wrapped up in the project that we didn't notice healing in the process. The Holy Spirit was on the project.

Note: This may not seem as a healing to some but then again it was not someone else's eye that was attacked by a hungry, mad wasp (nasty little creatures). I thank God for men who obey the Lord, even doing simple little acts of kindness like praying for a wasp sting on a hot August day in 2010 as they gave of their time, talent and treasure to reclaim from the flames a historical chapel.

Our team accepted this project to encourage and assist the historical project. One could feel the love and devotion as we fellowshiped during the course of the project. In short, we feel we did encourage others but - just as important our host encouraged us with their faith and ongoing work for the Lord.

This was an encounter-----not just a paint job or a "fix me up project"!

This was not just a simple paint job but rather a spiritual journey that allowed us to see the hand of God as he works thru men and women to bring about his will.

Roy Hogue, one of our team members reflected during the course of the project, Roy said, "It has been a long time since I was a part of this type of environment." Roy then said, "I miss it."

Last year Charlotte and I were working on the Nappanee Project. It was at this time she learned that she had Melanoma Lymphoma Cancer. As of the last of this project she has been released and is cancer free. God was at work during this project to finalize Charlotte's healing. Our State Office and many others around the country had been praying for her to recover. Four ladies were deliberate in prayer for Charlotte. We will not forget Angie (Hennis) Grisham, Susie (Loy) Kellum, Susan (McDonald) Lamb and Doreen (Shepard) Neff for their prayers. We will not forget Nappanee and we will not forget Poland, Indiana. They are a part of our life and our testimony.

Pastor Doug Dayhuff wondered why he was at this project. It is amazing how others looking in can see better than those looking out. Pastor Dayhuff answered some of the most perplexing questions that were presented by those being challenged to accept Christ. This is an extremely talented and gifted man that takes ministry out of the church and into the world. Many churches go an entire year and do not see the hand of God move as much as it did in Poland, Indiana on a restoration project. Perhaps God was restoring people rather than a Chapel. Perhaps many of us got refreshed just like the 1869 Chapel.

At some point in time during a project we all wonder: "Is this where God has placed me, and what for?" Our team feels this was the right project, at the right time, at the right location and for the right reason. God bless the Poland Community and all that have unselfishly given to this very successful project.

Last thoughts from a team member:

When you enter Poland from the West on SR 42 keep your eyes to the North and the Chapel will be standing there inviting you to come, sit, relax and think of the goodness that will take place in this rural community and the lives of all who become acquainted with this rural environment. It stands as a landmark to the healing power and restoration capabilities of the Holy Spirit.

Come to think of it, perhaps a building was restored.

Come to think of it, perhaps many of us also got a touch from God and some real restoration occurred in the souls of men and women.

Ten years ago I heard the then director of Men and Women of Action, Bob Pace , on Georgia soil state: "People first, people second and people always. That is what we are about. As we work for the Lord let us not forget about people.

Just like a wasp sting: "Sometimes restoration takes place and we don't notice the marvelous effect until we sit and reflect and understand "who is in charge"!

Let me encourage you to just sit and meditate on the Lord for a few minutes today. It is never too late to build and restore Gods' Temple. Wood, steel or flesh- God is in the business of restoration. He is in charge; pay attention!

As I conclude this historical article I hope we have assisted your project but - more so; pray we have shown the Love of God by action. You have touched our hearts; now I must go and wipe the tear that I feel forming as I think of all your accomplishments as you worked whole- heartedly for restoration not only of a building but people.

God the Father loved people so much that He hung on a cross many years ago. His love has never stopped coming our way. All we have to do is look because you never know who He will choose to accomplish His restoration projects. "Wood or people – God restores us all.

The following is unaudited: This is an overview of funds.

Approximate cost of material donated:	\$ 860.00
Cash Donations from our team:	200.00
Materials purchased by our team:	800.00
Materials purchase by our host:	200.00
Labor value of project based on MWOA guidelines:	13,050.00
Value of this project is:	15,110.00

This job was completed at less than 2% of the fair market value or in other words, a direct savings of around 98% for a project of this size.

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Men and Women of Action

Jerry (Jake) Crafton

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Just for the record:

Spiritual Events that occurred on this MWOA project:

A spiritual uplifting project

Prayer: Daily

Commitment to be better brothers and sisters

Interdenominational fellowship and labor for Christ

Community Involvement

Dedication to church history

Healings

Water Baptism

Friendships established

Newspaper Articles

Historical Magazine Article

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