



Please Help Us with a "Semi" Urgent Need

On August 20, while loading tools into our 2000 Kenworth truck (Samson) in preparation for a trip to help build a Christian school, I discovered a fuel leak on one of the engine fuel injector lines. Immediately I drove to the repair shop to have them make the repair so that it would be ready for the upcoming trip. They replaced the fuel line and took it for a test drive. That is when things got ugly! During the test drive, one of the pistons in the engine failed and ruined the engine. Cost estimates to rebuild the engine range from \$15,000 to \$28,000 for a remanufactured engine. OUCH!

We paid \$10,500 for the truck nine years ago, and, as you would expect with a truck that is eighteen years old with nearly 700,000 miles on it, there are also other issues to consider. After prayer and counsel from several men who know about trucks, we have decided to begin the search for a different used truck with a similar body style, which will allow us to transfer the shelving, lift gate, toolboxes, and other items to help save on the conversion costs.

Because this truck carries the volunteers, tools, equipment, and supplies needed for the volunteer teams to be able to provide the construction services churches need, it has become undoubtedly our most important tool! One team member, Eric D, said, "I got to see first-hand how vital Samson is to your ministry." Nathaniel said, "It's like having a portable Lowes on the job."

As valuable as the truck is as a tool hauler, the greater value is that several men and women have been lead to the Lord in the truck. Because men like big trucks and lots of tools, it has been a valuable witnessing tool, something you wouldn't expect from rubber and steel, but it has been a great way to begin a conversation.

We have researched several trucks, and we will be able to purchase a suitable truck for \$30,000. Here is where you come in. We need you to help us get \$30,000 to purchase a different truck! Please pray, and, if the Lord would have you to help us with the purchase of our replacement truck, you will have a part in the souls saved and the lives changed through this ministry. You will be "first building Christians and then together building churches."

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If you have any questions,
please feel free to send me an email at tmc@wyldewood.org.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and generosity!



Romania Trip

Beginning July 17 I spent a month in Topraisar, Romania, helping missionaries Keith and Brenda Price complete some final requirements from the fire department to grant them occupancy on the women's home TMC had helped build previously. These changes included installing fire doors, building an entry way at the top of a stairwell, installing support beams, and adding some windows. Many times through the years the Lord has changed the project mid-stream. What we thought we were going to do becomes the second priority as the Lord redirects and changes our plan. But that is why it is nice to follow the one who has the perfect plan, Jesus Christ!

On this particular trip, while changing the windows, we discovered that when the stucco was applied to the exterior of the building, the windows were not flashed properly by the people who did the stucco, allowing water to get to the OSB sheathing on the walls. This caused serious damage to the OSB, so we began to pull off the stucco and replace any bad sheeting. While this took a significant amount of time, working with Brother Keith and Rica (a Romanian national), we were

able to replace the damaged wood, properly flash the windows, and re-stucco the damaged areas. Not only were we able to make the repairs but the Lord allowed us to complete the tasks we originally went to do before I was scheduled to come home.

TMC will, however, be looking for volunteers to go back to Romania to continue the repairs to the sheeting on the other three exterior walls **September 20-29, 2019**. If you are interested in helping with these repairs, please email us at tmc@wyldewood.org so that we can give you more information as it becomes available.



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TMC PROJECTS, PRAYER, AND PRAISE CORNER

- Clear direction, provision, and finances to purchase a new tool truck
- Mission trip opportunity: Completion of Christian school addition for Faith Baptist Church, Oak Creek, Wisconsin
- Mission trip opportunity: Romania orphanage and women's home September 20-29, 2019
- Workers to help with projects



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