

Church Beyond Walls

By Andre' Provost

"I have been stronger walking with God."

Four weeks ago, enthusiastic chatter erupted around the tables. "Adelia is ready to get baptized." It was a decision she had been struggling with for a number of weeks.

Adelia has been coming to the Center off and on for two years ever since she attended one of our H.U.G.S. events. Like many women who come to the Center, she also came with a history: raised by an alcoholic parent, abused by the males in her life, and drug addiction. This led to losing custody of her children and homelessness.

Now, after nine months of treatment and nine months of being clean, she is turning to God. "I want to wash away my sins and get closer to God." Surrounded by a

dozen of other believers and friends from the Center, we proceeded to the nearby park. After baptizing her, we laid hands on her to receive the Holy Spirit. At that point, she prayed that God would give her proof that He was there. She felt something different. She says, "At that moment, I knew the Holy Spirit came into my life."

Adelia now attends church on Sundays and Tuesdays. She is also studying "The Purple Book: Biblical Foundations for Building Strong Disciples" at the Center. She declares "I have been stronger walking with God." New positive things have started happening in her life. She acquired housing through the Aspire program. She is in the process of receiving custody of her daughter.

Thank you for keeping this ministry in your prayers.

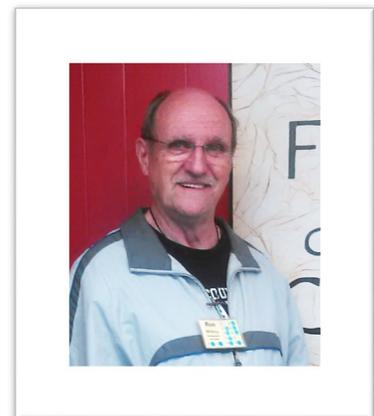


Adelia and Jesse Yates

June Volunteer Star Spotlight

Ron Wiltsey has been a supporter of Friends of the Carpenter (FOC) since its inception 16 years ago. Ron and his wife attend Salmon Creek United Methodist Church, which has always supported FOC. Ron started volunteering as a woodworker at FOC five years ago. Currently, Ron is also active on the "Church Sponsor Committee". Ron related that he "Feels it is an honor and privilege to volunteer here at FOC and in

the community." Ron said that he "has learned a lot about others and in the process, himself." Ron feels that FOC is a great organization and he gets more out of volunteering than what he gives, both personally and professionally. When Ron is not working at the *Parkrose Hardware Store* on 164th Avenue, or doing part time consultant work, he is busy with his hobbies of woodworking, riding motorcycles and family activities. Thank you Ron for your many hours of volunteering at FOC.



Ron Wiltsey

Lions and tigers and bears...OH MY!

By Jennifer Klein

There are many reasons I say that Friends of the Carpenter is my personal God Sighting. It is mainly due to the way they help every one of us feel just a little bit safer, happier, and respected when we are a part of it.

The C.A.R.E Committee, (Community Awareness Reaching Empowerment) is a collaboration of Participants and Volunteers, along with a few Board and Staff members. I will mention though that the committee's decisions are solely made by the participants and the volunteers on the committee. The staff members are there to only answer questions and provide insight to policies. You could say of the people, by the people, for the people. Each year, the committee applies for and receives a grant from the Archdiocese of Seattle's Catholic Campaign for

Human Development, which helps provide Field Trips with and for the people we serve.

Remember in school when you got to take that oh so precious permission slip home for your parents to sign? It meant you got to "skip school" and do something fun, right? On May 12, 2015, the C.A.R.E. Committee got to 'skip school' by skipping out on life's adult stresses for the day with an outing to the Oregon Zoo.

It was almost, to a T, like one of those elementary school field trips. From the sack lunches, to catching the bus (Max train) in Delta Park, to the best part - all staying together and going through the park as a group, as Friends from the Friendship Center.

We had to see the penguins and alligators, because last year we ran out of time and missed

them, shared Keira Klein. Because we rode the Max we were afforded the extra time to see just about every animal that decided to grace us with their presence, because after all they run the show. Mikey O. was so excited to be at the zoo and he had the biggest smile of us all. Lions and Tigers and Bears we saw and were absolutely sure to OH MY miss nothing at all. It was truly a day full of God Sightings.

Recipes From Friends

**C.A.R.E. Committee is collecting recipes for our "Recipes from Friends Cookbook". If you would like to have your favorite recipe included please send them to:

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Friends of the Carpenter 1600 W. 20th Street Vancouver, WA 98660, or bring it by The Friendship Center. Deadline to submit your recipe **June 30, 2015..**



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