

Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow...



Shakespeare had it right when he penned the famous words, “*Parting is such sweet sorrow* that I shall say goodnight till it be morrow.” for Romeo and Juliet. You may not be Shakespeare fans, but I’m sure you can empathize with us when we tell you that we had to say goodbye to two of our good friends and co-workers at the end of August. They aren’t leaving the area, so we are hoping that like Romeo and Juliet, we look forward to the next time we will see them.

Dennis Roach has been a long-time friend, supporter, board member, teacher and all around handy man for Genesis since the beginning...1994. Dennis retired from Union Gospel Mission in 2014 and decided (at that time) that he still wanted to be in some type of ministry, so he came to work on a very part-time basis for Genesis in July 2014. Over the past 4 years, he has helped with getting our new roof completed, teaching and re-

cruiting other teachers for our Courageous Parenting class, replacing our water heater, visiting churches, power washing our building, painting, fixing toilets, and the list goes on. All of this was in addition to what he actually came on board to do—to help Dave and the Board as a Ministry Coordinator. He managed to do all of this and still head out to mountains with Peak 7 Adventures to take underprivileged kids on camping and hiking trips. He has been able to enjoy hunting and fishing as well. He recently joined the ‘over 69’ crowd and decided that his love for the outdoors and his family deserved more of him and his time while he is still ‘young’. So we’ve agreed to let him head to the hills when the urge hits him, without any guilt...as long as he keeps his cell phone nearby if the sink backs up! He says that he will continue to teach our Courageous Parenting class as well...as long as it doesn’t interfere with hunting season :)

We wish him the best and are so grateful for his many gifts and talents he has given Genesis over the years. Here’s a verse God gave just for you, “Now then, get your equipment—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me.” Genesis 27:3



Now, on another sad, but also happy note—we bid goodbye to Amanda Fuchs, one of our counselors. Amanda came to us in November of 2015 when she was still working on her full licensure. She and her husband Ryan moved to Spokane from the ‘Chicagoland’ area and have since convinced her parents and sister to move here as well. A year ago, she and her husband were given the opportunity to foster twin baby boys that have since stolen their hearts and their time. Recently they have also added a ‘big’ sister to their family and have gotten a crash course in raising 3 small children while trying to juggle a career. The Fuchs have recently moved to Spokane Valley into a new home. With the increased demands on her time, along with the additional commuting, it became clear that there weren’t enough hours in the day to meet all the demands of family and working for Genesis. Amanda has decided to open her own private

practice in the Valley on a much smaller scale than she was working here.

We will miss her and all that she brought to our ‘family’ here at Genesis. She was and is a very gifted counselor who has the unique ability to really speak truth to her clients and walk beside them on their journey to a healthier heart/life/self. We wish her the best in her new adventure and as with Dennis, sincerely hope that we aren’t saying ‘goodbye’, but ‘we’ll see you later’.