

Spring Edition



Locating treasures in Colorado

This Spring Tom Slatten and Weston Syverson traveled way up to 8,800 feet in the Rockies to Young Life's **Frontier Ranch** near Buena Vista Colorado. They arrived in a snow storm with the aim to map out the buried utilities on site. This project had two purposes, one was to provide the camp with a good map for knowing where the utilities are buried, the other was to locate and mark existing utilities for excavation for a new sewer main. After sliding into their bunks the guys got ready for the next day with snow covering everything, including what was buried...



Everyone on the Young Life Staff pitches in to shovel snow!

The first order of business was to clear snow and everyone jumped in! Frontier Ranch is one of the oldest Young Life properties and has abandoned gas and water pipes, as well as other features that made locating interesting. No treasure caches or abandoned mines were found, but plenty of phone wire and high voltage! The water pipes were difficult, buried below 6 feet because of the frost line! Weston did the locating and Tom documented everything, pulling tape measurements off of buildings and other identifiable objects.



For the first couple of days things went well locating and measuring, with the sun even popping out. Then another snow storm rolled in and dumped another 10 inches overnight, and the snow crew was back in action!



This meant adding whiskers that stick up out of the mud in case markings washes away.



In a few more days the sun was back out and the snow melting, which made the rest of the project a bit muddy.



Tom worked tirelessly to pull in measurements on all the locations, as well as taking many pictures for reference.

From there Tom took all of the data and imported it into Google Earth to give the camp a virtual map of where everything is buried. Tom also took hundreds of pictures showing the details. This information was all uploaded to Google Earth under a specific gmail address, allowing the camp to log in and view all of the measurements, pictures, and relevant data to the site.



Tech Serve has used this free and simple tool to provide many camps, orphanages, and mission bases with good maps of their utilities. A simple GIS (Graphical Information System) is a valuable tool for maintenance person-



nel as they have to figure out systems, determine where things are and where they go to, and to have an overall understanding of what is going on with utilities at their facility.

If you know of any group needing this type of service please call the office at Tech Serve, we are happy to help!



Office Remodel

We are so thankful for the volunteers that showed up at the beginning of March to help us remodel the offices! Many thanks to Dewayne and Joy Doubleday, Peter and Suzan Winkelman, Richard Ortega, Tom and Teresa Slatten, Darrell and Anita McGinty, and Jacob Syverson. These volunteers spent long hours painting, fixing doors, replacing cabinets, and making things look good! Many thanks to the ladies, who provided lunch and dinner for the entire crew for the whole week!



Peter and Dewayne painting!



Darrell McGinty setting cabinets and countertops, and adjusting drawers



New Cabinets and Flooring!



Peter, Richard, Wes, Jacob, Tom, Dewayne, and Weston

We are so grateful for all of you who came and helped us with this project, as well as those who donated for all the materials needed. You are a huge blessing to Tech Serve!

Tech Serve is indebted to so many of you who pray for us, support us, and go with us to be a help to so many. You make serving a JOY and we are privileged to work along side of you!

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Thank you Volunteers!



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