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Bucknell Habitat Chapter Spends Spring Break on North Carolina Build

Each spring, a delegation from the Bucknell University Habitat for Humanity campus chapter plans a trip to a different part of the United States to build houses for families in need.

Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity's Public Relations Committee asked Jordan Makansi, a junior civil engineering and music double major at Bucknell, to keep a journal during the Habitat student trip to Albemarle, N.C. this year. A group of 20 students and two chaperones spent a week installing siding, painting doors and constructing a deck on a three-bedroom house for a local family in need. Staying in a local church, the group also bonded with volunteers and took some time for hiking and bowling.

Here are some excerpts from Makansi's account:

Sunday, March 13:

Our group of 20 students and Bucknell staff chaperones Ron Marquette and John Cummins met at the Chi Phi fraternity parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and we were off by 7:42 a.m. We were making great time and reached the halfway point of our trip at noon, but after lunch, our luck turned. Our directions said to turn on Albemarle Road, but we soon discovered that before it becomes Albemarle, the road is called Troy Road, Biscoe Road, Route 24/27 and Route 109.

We managed to find our way to the church in Albemarle, where we will be staying this week, and met our hosts from the Stanly County Habitat for Humanity affiliate. Larry Emerick, the affiliate's construction coordinator, and Cemita Gibbs, the executive director, thanked us for coming to help build. They will provide us with many free meals in exchange for our work, making our trip a lot less expensive.

The church is BIG and has great facilities. There's a movie-style theater, a gymnasium and a kitchen, and the room where they hold services is pretty. We settled in then headed out for some food at a local restaurant, Little Tokyo. We were tired after our 10-hour drive so we stayed in and watched a movie.

Monday, March 14:

A hearty breakfast is served every morning from 6:15 to 7:15 in the gymnasium: eggs, cereal, doughnuts, coffee, fruit and milk. Then, off to the building site at 8:15 a.m. Larry, the Habitat construction coordinator, led us to the building site and gave us a

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Bucknell students install siding on North Carolina home.

Williams Family looks forward to new start in Kratzerville

One by one, LaTanya Williams and her children stepped forward and told the dozens of volunteers and Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity supporters what homeownership will mean to them.

"This is an opportunity for me to do better," said Delshon Brown, 15.

"To me, it means I can start can new life and get some new friends and have my own room," Randy Williams, 12, said.

"To me, this is a fresh start," said Nadiyah, 11. "I am excited because I get to go to a new school."

The youngest, India, 7, couldn't find the words. She cozied up to her mom as LaTanya Williams tried to sum it up:

"It's overwhelming," she said. "It's an experience and a blessing. This is a gift from God, a new beginning and the start of a foundation for us."

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quick tour and overview of the house, which has three bedrooms and a large kitchen.

He set us up in groups of five or six people and assigned us jobs such as laying siding, building the deck or painting doors. I was on the team that installed the insulation. Work was fun, and we have a very enthusiastic group.

At 11:30 a.m., we went to lunch at Cici's Pizza, then back to work! Everyone was tired by 2:30 p.m., so Larry gave us the go-ahead to leave.

Later that night, we had dinner at El Ranchito, a Mexican place recommended by one of the locals. The owner of the restaurant asked me what we were doing and where we were from. Being in a small town, we get a considerable amount of interest and attention. Having locals interested in what we are doing is great because it gives us a sense of appreciation for community service.

Tuesday, March 15:

Today is our day off, so we will do some hiking at a nearby state park. It's nice that this day is earlier in the week, because it means that we get some more bonding time as a group before we continue building. The day was off to somewhat of an embarrassing start, though. I had to be awakened by Cemita at 6:50 a.m. so I could make a speech to a group of middle and high school students. I threw on some clothes and splashed water on my face then got on stage. The theme of the week was "life's journey," so I talked about how building a house is like the journey of life, and stressed the importance of having a strong foundation for the house, i.e. doing well in school to make a life's journey enjoyable.

Wednesday, March 16:

After a day off, everyone was excited to get back at work. We got lots of painting done and installed siding and insulation, worked on window measurements, cut wood for window panes and constructed a deck. Larry brought us lunch at noon, and we continued to work until 2 p.m.

The weather was so nice, we organized a soccer game then Frisbee, followed by dinner at the church. To show our gratitude to our hosts, students Nate Deysher, Mike Pressl and I played the piano, and the church pastor introduced me to the congregation. I realized this was my chance to tell everyone how grateful we were for having such a nice, comfortable and clean place to stay.

We really feel part of the community. After dinner, some of us sang with the choir and others attended a talk about religions around the world. I was proud of our group for participating in the activities. A little while later, Ron, our chaperone, asked to see me. My first thought was that I was in trouble. But it turned out that another one of the Bucknell students, Yanjka Tseveensuren, found an eye doctor who was willing to help me. Yanjka told him that one of my contact lenses had ripped while I was working on the build. He took me to his office down the road and gave me free contact lenses.

Thursday, March 17:

We worked hard all morning on the interior doors, windows and

painting. I have given up trying to keep my clothes clean. I had fun painting my clothing and so did others. I think it is evidence of working hard, having paint on your jacket, shoes and pants.

Friday, March 18:

Just as we were getting settled into the community, it was our last full day. We got as much done as possible on the house including caulking, flooring, tarring and more door installations. A news reporter came by to ask a few questions and take pictures. It was a bitter-sweet feeling leaving the house, Larry, Cemita and the others that night. Larry expressed how thankful he was for us to do enough work to get the family in the house almost three months early. Some of us were intent on getting some delicious southern barbecue before leaving N.C. After that, we went roller skating. A girl bravely came up to me and introduced herself at the roller rink, saying that she remembered my speech from Tuesday morning. It was heartwarming.

Saturday, March 19:

We cleaned until the church was spotless then piled into the cars, said goodbye, and left. While we were glad we would be able to sleep in our own beds that night, we also knew we would miss the church, the southern hospitality and the generosity of Albemarle. One of the great things about working on a community service project is meeting the local volunteers and feeling like we are really making a difference.

RIGHT:
Bucknell students constructing window panes for North Carolina home.



LEFT:
Bucknell students install windows in North Carolina home.



The Northumberland National Bank presented a check for \$750 to Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity on Aug. 3. The local organization is working on its 18th home in Kratzerville. Pictured: left to right, are Todd Troxell, senior vice president of lending; Sandy Hopkins, development officer for Habitat; and Don Steele, Jr., chairman, president and CEO of the bank.

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New Start (continued)

Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity broke ground on a home for the Williams family during a ceremony June 18. The family, currently of West Milton, are the affiliate's 19th partner family. A home dedication is slated for 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at their new home, 4014 Route 204 in Kratzerville. The public is invited to attend.

Williams, an assistant teacher at Head Start who is pursuing a child development associate's certificate online as well as her medical assistant certification at McCann School of Business in Sunbury, hopes to open a daycare business one day. The home in Kratzerville is part of that dream.

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