

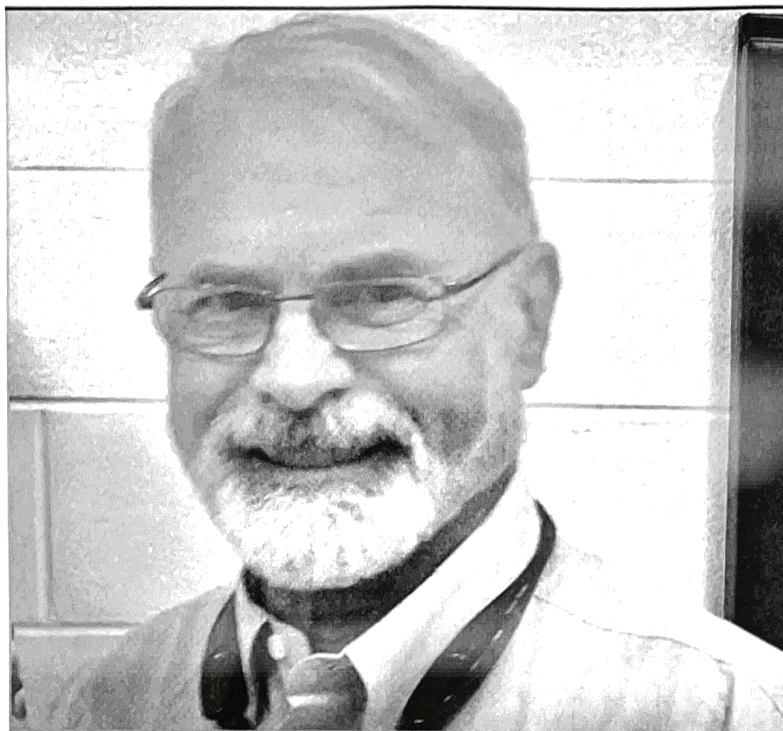
Meet the Missionaries

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Missions Area: Camping and Resort Communities

Concept Area: Self

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Before his retirement in 2022, Robert Ruesch was the leader and co-founder of Christian Resort Ministries, based in Evergreen, Colorado. He served as a campground chaplain, which is like a pastor for the people who stay in a campground. He and his wife, Barbara, enlisted and trained volunteer chaplains who serve in recreational vehicle (RV) campground resorts in Florida, Texas, and Arizona.

Resort chaplains minister to the residents of the campgrounds by providing many activities designed to get to know the residents and open doors to talk about Jesus. In every way possible chaplains show God's love to the residents.

Mrs. Ruesch shares in the ministry by helping with detailed administrative tasks. She also stays in touch with the chaplains' wives to coordinate activities and to encourage them.

The Ruesches' five adult children support the ministry through prayer and practical help.

NEW: See select activity sketches on page 60.

Note: Extra Activities are available as Free Downloads. Visit wmu.com/preschool and click on the Free Downloads tab.



Helping Others Activities

Threes and Fours will make get well cards to go with the care bags for sick children made by Kindergarten. See Session 4.

Kindergarten will collect coloring books, boxed crayons, and stuffed animals and create care bags for sick children. See Session 4.

Prayer Requests and Contact Information

1. Pray that more people would volunteer as campground chaplains.
2. Pray for wisdom as the ministry considers new opportunities for service to campers.
3. Ask God to provide the needed funds to expand the ministry to more campgrounds.
4. Pray for the leaders of the organization to lead wisely.
5. Thank God for the new CEO, Douglas Hollums, who will lead Christian Resort Ministries following the retirement of Robert Ruesch.

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Note: Mr. Ruesch retired from Christian Resort Ministries in 2022, but the ministry continues under the leadership of Douglas Hollums. This unit represents the work Mr. Ruesch did as a chaplain, and the work done by many other camping and resort community chaplains.