
Dear Friends of SPADE,

During our autumn season here at the Inn, we wanted to share an update with you. Men's and women's retreats, youth retreats, marriage conferences and intensives, pastor and missionary debriefings & counseling sessions, groups providing support for sensitive issues, Bible studies, and fellowship meals have filled many weekends *and* weekdays over this past year. We sometimes get asked "how do you do it all?" And of course, the answer is, we don't. There are many projects that wait, but the Lord provides for what is truly needed. As I (Claire) hide away in the library to write this, the Lord has sent a neighbor our way to vacuum the floors and rake leaves in preparation for the retreat this weekend. What a sweet and unexpected opportunity to connect with one of our neighbors and a reminder that the Lord sees the tasks needing to be accomplished and cares about each little thing. And we certainly can't leave out our faithful team of volunteers! Without them, SPADE wouldn't be able to serve in the same way.

Easter Conference

We have been at SPADE for over a year now. One of the biggest highlights for us was hosting our first Easter conference in April. Our children loved being involved in acting out the Easter story and getting to know students. To spend Easter hosting international students and sharing our risen Savior and eternal hope was an indescribable blessing.



Students acting out the Easter story



Enjoying the International Dinner

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for arranging the retreat and having us all come together. I always feel renewed in my soul after spending the retreat here. Thanks so much!!!" –Muslim student

"God let us see the hope of building a godly family." –student

"One student said that it was the best weekend since she had arrived in NYC last August. She was impacted by the 'unselfish love' that she saw 'everywhere.' And she said that that unselfish love was

really a solution to many problems in the world: in her country (China), the war in Ukraine, etc. Another student said that she had her confidence restored. She realized she had grown in her knowledge of Jesus when she knew the questions that another student asked." –ISI staff member



Crosses set up in the field

Behind the Scenes

We praise God for our precious neighbor children and our frequent interactions with them. It is a joy to have little ones feel so at home here that they invite themselves over, show up for meals, join in on family walks, and seem to love being at SPADE. We are reminded of Jesus exhorting his disciples to "let the little children come!"

Board of Directors

Since our last newsletter, we've had several changes to our Board of Directors:

- Arasu Rajaratnam has resigned as our Chairman, a position in which he served since SPADE was founded over 34 years ago! He will remain a member of the Board. We thank him for his many years of service and dedication as Chairman!
- Peter Idowu, who has been on the Board for over 24 years, has been elected as our new Chairman.
- Bill & Joan Rinehart and Collins Alaribe have resigned from the Board. A big thank you to all three for their service to SPADE!
- We have three new Board members: Panna Idowu, Paul Pandurangan, and Vijaya Jayaraj.



Carving pumpkins with a neighbor kid

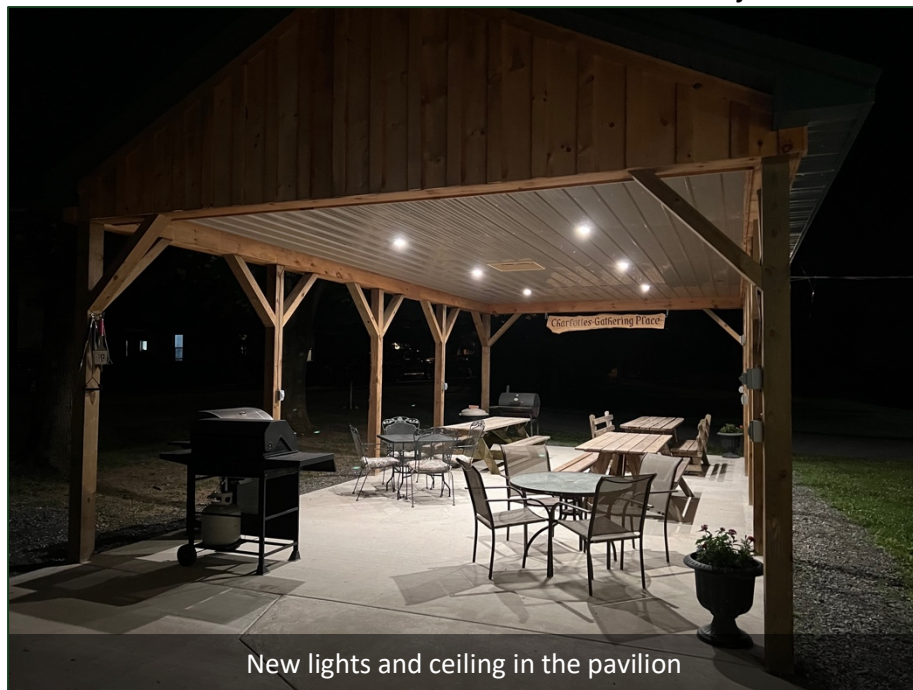
Building Update

- Over the years that SPADE has been a ministry, the Lord has provided repeatedly to hold our aging building together. Over the summer, this has been through the generosity of a few men donating their time and skill to install steel lintels above windows, replace bricks, and do a significant amount of repointing on the west wall. The cost to hire men to do this work would be staggering and we praise the Lord for how He stirs the hearts of His people to serve Him and His kingdom by using the gifts He has given!



Working on the west wall of the Inn early in the process.
A lot of work has been done since!

- Our roof is now over 20 years old, leaking, and in need of replacement. We've signed a contract and are currently awaiting the township to approve the permit before work can begin. Please be praying that it stays warm enough (above 40°F) and dry so the work can be completed before winter weather arrives. Praise God that we've already been able to raise over \$14,500 of the needed funds! We still need at least another \$1,500, but we won't know the exact amount until the current roof is torn off and we find out how much of the substrate below it needs to be replaced. If you'd like to donate towards the new roof, please complete and return the form on the last page or give online via the link on that form.



New lights and ceiling in the pavilion

- Our pavilion got an exciting upgrade in July – it now has a ceiling and lights! Groups over the summer have spent a lot of time there and enjoyed being able to use it into the evening hours.

Please Pray:

- For the churches and ministries holding retreats here this month.

- For the Lord's provision for the winter months, especially for the significant cost of heating this old Inn!
- For wisdom, unity, and direction for our board during a time of transition for several board members.
- For favorable weather and safety for the men replacing the leaking roof on the Inn. Pray also that the permit will be given quickly!
- For our faithful volunteers and their families. Please pray for the Lord to provide a few extra pairs of willing hands each Wednesday as we prepare for guests. If you'd be interested in helping or would like more details, please reach out to us at the email address or phone number on the first page.



Ryan and the kids enjoying a trailer ride with a load of brush

- For our relationships with our neighbors.

Thank you for your prayers and support of SPADE!

Blessings,

Matt & Claire

Wendy, Micah, Calvin, & David

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