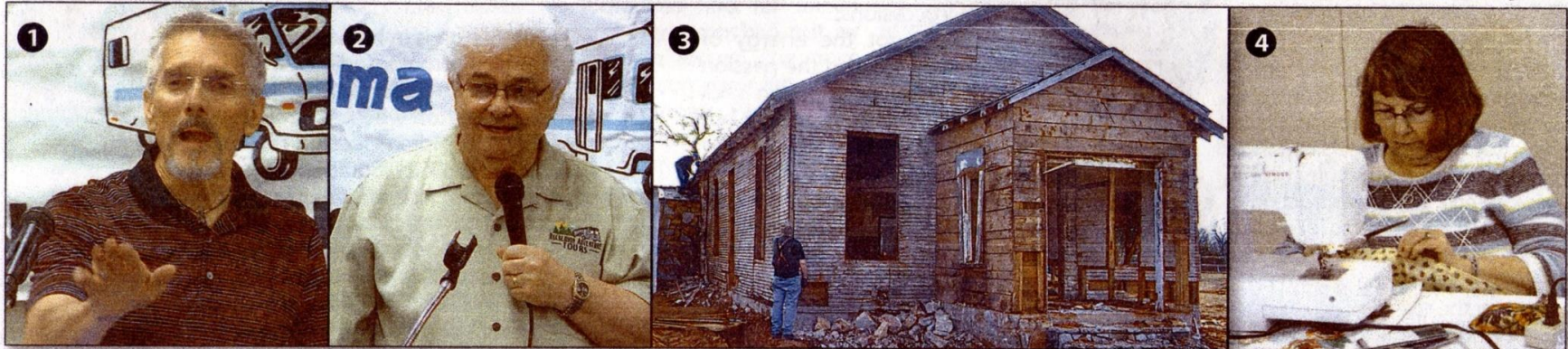


Missions & ministry: Campers on Mission holds spring rally



>> PHOTOS: JIM DUDLEY 1) Rick Cope informs the Campers on Mission (COM) team of his trip to Africa; 2) Keith Butler tells jokes and stories; 3) COM team begin tearing down the former building of Macomb, Romulus; 4) Jane Brewer sews a dress; 5) Merle Bean peeks out from behind her sewing machine; 6) Front to back, Randy Brewer, Jack Davis and Earnest Bean remove insulation from the fallen roof of a building.

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SHAWNEE—It wasn't exactly Jericho, and no Joshua was in sight, but the old building that once housed Macomb, Romulus came down anyway.

The Oklahoma Chapter of Campers on Mission (COM), which is more familiar to building, did the opposite, stepping in to tear down Romulus' former building. In Ecclesiastes, it says there is a time for everything, and this was a time to say goodbye. Weddings, funerals and souls heeding the altar call in the old structure are now just memories to church members, past and present.

At the Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center in Shawnee, where COM was holding its spring rally, the COM ladies worked their sewing machines, creating 45 knit caps, 54 girls' dresses, 11 quilts, 15 bags and 15 baby blankets.

The speaker for the spring rally was Rick Cope, former pastor of Sand Springs, Angus Acres. Keith Butler, music minister at Yukon, Canadian Valley, kept everyone laughing for a fun evening.

The group, led by David Kirkegard, included Johnny and Barbara Armstrong, Randy and Jane Brewer, Paul and Verlan Day, Joe and Doris Drennan, Tim and Trudy Green, Ken and Jan Hudson, Delbert and Cliffa Karnes, Darrel Robinson, Leon Whittington, Ernest and Merle Bean, Clarence "Chigger" Gibson, Richard Lasseter, Joe and Theresa Casper.

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