



Duane and Jean Morford

Duane grew up in three towns or rural communities across Kansas and one in southwestern Nebraska. Duane's father was a pastor and evangelist in the Evangelical Friends denomination. Duane attended Friends Bible College in Haviland, KS (now Barclay College) where he majored in Bible and Pastoral Methods with a minor in Music. Following his junior year he felt led to enter the business world rather than the ministry as he had originally planned. He spent four years in feed and seed sales and service; four years as assistant manager and fourteen years as general manager of grain elevators and farm service centers; and nineteen years as a claims adjuster specializing in commercial agri-business losses. He retired from the insurance industry in December 2008.

Jean grew up on a farm in eastern Kansas where she and her family were active members of the local Evangelical Friend Church. Jean graduated from Emporia State University in Emporia, KS with a degree in Home Economics Education. She taught school for two years, worked in the banking industry for several years and twenty one years with the Farm Service Agency of the US Dept. of Agriculture where she retired in June 2008 as a software testing manager.

Duane and Jean have been members of the Church of the Nazarene in Salina and Wellington, KS as well as other denominations due to career moves to locations where there was no Church of the Nazarene. They have been members of Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene since 1993. They have served as ushers and greeters, on church boards, NMI boards and various committees. Jean served two years as Parish Life Committee Chairman and one year as NMI Vice-President at KCFC as ushers and greeter.

Duane and Jean joined ROAM as associate members in 2007 and became active in January 2009. They have participated in one ROAM project and are currently working three months as volunteers at the Alaska Maranatha District Camp. They are planning to serve as ROAM volunteers at Rolling Hills Conference Center and Campground in Alabama in November and December of 2009. They have also participated in Work & Witness projects in Argentina and Alaska.

The Morfords have felt God's call to a full-time volunteer ministry and see the ROAM organization as an avenue to fulfill that call.