



# news from THE Rock



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## BOB FIELDS, 1935-2011

On November 18, Robert “Bob” Fields, founder of cleftRock Retreat Center, went to be with the Lord. As we mourn the loss of our founder, we also reflect and celebrate Bob’s life, ministry, and vision.

### Larger Than Life

Whether talking about how he worked to build the cabins and lodge at cleftRock, or the presence he had when entering a room, people remember Bob as a big man. Not just in stature, but in his mere presence and spirit. Bob carried himself with the strength that comes from a relationship with the Lord.

### Relational

As someone recently stated, Bob exemplified

brotherly love. To know him was to want to be in relationship with him—he was “Uncle Bob” to many; a father figure to others; a counselor to others; a friend to all.

He loved his family—especially his wife Eddie—and served as the patriarch to his children, their spouses, and their grandchildren.

### Visionary

God laid the vision of cleftRock on Bob’s heart in 1972, before “member care” for missionaries and pastors was in existence. When he, Eddie, and his family moved back to Mt. Vernon, many wondered exactly what Bob had in mind. Forty years later, Bob’s vision continues to serve missionaries, pas-

tors, and the community as a place of rest, renewal, and reconnection.

On November 22, a celebration of Bob’s life was held at First Baptist Church in London, KY. He was laid to rest at cleftRock, next to his son, Todd.

Bob will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and those who were blessed by him through the ministry of cleftRock. Please keep his wife, Eddie, their children, grandchildren, and family members in your prayers.

If you would like to pay tribute to Bob Fields, the family has asked that donations be made to cleftRock.



*The Longest Family: Sarah, Bobby, and Patrick*

## MEET THE LONGEST FAMILY

### the new directors at cleftRock

Two years ago, God called Patrick and Sarah Longest to become “missionaries to missionaries,” serving those who are called to give their lives in service to God on the field. Thus began a journey of faith that led them to cleftRock.

On April 16, 2011, the board of directors selected Patrick and Sarah to serve as the directors of cleftRock. Along with their son, Bobby, the Longest family will be moving to cleftRock in January 2012 to continue serving the ministry in a full-time capacity.

Patrick brings his talents in ministry, marketing, graphic design, and fundraising. Sarah adds her gifts in education, organization, planning, and leadership to the ministry. Together they have a vision for cleftRock that continues the mission of the ministry, while expanding that vision in new ways.

To learn more about the Longest family, visit [www.cleftRock.org](http://www.cleftRock.org), or contact them to schedule a time to visit.

Please pray for our new directors and their service to cleftRock.





# will you help us serve missionaries & pastors?

consider this...

- 90% of pastors work more than 46 hours a week.
- 80% of pastors say they have insufficient time with spouse.
- 56% of pastors regularly take off one day each week
- 21% say that they don't get any days off.

source: <http://unhurriedtime.com/2009/06/03/ministry-burnout-stats/>

## your dollars are reaching thousands!

a well-rested, rejuvenated missionary or pastor is able to more effectively fulfill the Great Commission.

## your monthly support makes a difference.

"Our bodies have been rested and our souls refreshed by being here this past week. The sublime quiet and stillness of **cleftRock** was just what we needed to sense the Lord's voice and presence in special ways...May God continue to bless you all in your valuable ministry of doing good in refreshing the souls of the saints.

**We'll not forget you or our special, glorious time at cleftRock."**

- missionaries to Bosnia and Herzegovina

## cleftRock 2011 by the numbers



**5** CABINS  
Gate House  
Thorne Cabin  
Abidings 1&2  
Abidings 3&4  
Rita's Rest



**6** TRAILS  
For hiking  
and spending  
time with God.



**1-4** ABIDINGS  
CABINS  
new flooring  
throughout and  
updated décor.



**45** BEDS  
and hundreds  
of linens to  
cover them.



**31** ACRES  
of property, including  
cabins, a lodge, and  
recreation areas



**6** STAFF MEMBERS  
Patrick & Sarah Longest, Directors  
Robin & Becky Botkin, Operations Mgrs.  
Ruby Norton, Cook - part-time  
Peggy Catron, Finances - part-time



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our Facebook page.  
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**40** YEARS  
Founded by  
Bob and Eddie  
Fields in 1972  
at LaBriute.



**2** FREE NIGHTS  
lodging for pastors,  
missionaries, and their  
immediate families  
introduced



**\$20** GIVEN MONTHLY  
by each recipient of this newsletter  
would fully fund the ministry of  
cleftRock and its mission for 2012.

the wish list  
See a list on our website of tangible items you can provide to help our ministry. Look under the "support cR" tab.  
visit us online  
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 [www.facebook.com/cleftRock](http://www.facebook.com/cleftRock)  
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I believe in **cleftRock**  
that's why I am committing to

A one-time gift of \_\_\_\_\_

A monthly gift of \_\_\_\_\_

An annual gift of \_\_\_\_\_

All contributions are tax-deductible.

You will receive a charitable donations report at the end of the year.

Enclosed is my check (payable to: cleftRock Retreat Center)

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Add my email to your newsletter & prayer partners list.

