Both retired, she and her husband served as caretakers of their church’s Big Cedars campground where they planned and cooked hundreds of meals for scores of hungry campers and retreat and conference attendees.

Our Great Graduate’s first mission trip took place in 1996 to Kenya. Later, while helping build a multicultural center in Awasi, the Dilldines recognized how badly that community needed a source of water, so they led a campaign to have a well drilled to tap into the Nile River. She has returned to Kenya numerous times since then along with mission trips to Rwanda, the Congo and Uganda and has helped clothe 300 girls with “African Dresses.”

At home, Dilldine ministers to residents of the Broken Arrow Nursing Home and Village Health Care Center, is a member of the Broken Arrow Historical Society board of directors and volunteers as a docent. For the past six years, she “has been blessed” to be head chef for the annual reunion of Education Service Center retirees and to have quality time with her five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

In her spare time, she tends to her flower and vegetable gardens and manages a backyard gold fish pond. But what she does best is make a difference in the lives of others.