



# SERVANTS' NEWS

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## God's vision for Servants...

**Serving in Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria, and to the ends of the earth!**

Greetings to you in the name of Christ! It is important to me that you know the many ways and locations that Christ has called Servants to serve. By reading this newsletter, you will be better informed of all that we do for Christ and you may find a new way that God is calling you to serve!

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

- Acts 1:8

Those were the words that Christ shared with the early disciples as he sent them into the very first mission field. Those are also the words that I heard when I first received the call from God to start Servants 13 years ago. I felt God was calling me to serve Him not only in Guatemala, where I was on my first mission trip, but also that we should serve throughout the USA and in our own backyard of York County. And so, the primary focuses for Servants' ministries were formed: Foreign Missions, Disaster Recovery, and Local Home Helps projects.

Now after 13 years of following God's call, it is truly a blessing to see how God has

worked through Servants to accomplish this vision!

In February, Servants led its 30th mission trip back to Guatemala. Last year, we started a new ministry in Guatemala that serves families in need and provides an opportunity for them to experience the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ. We now have 3 full-time missionaries Serving at-risk Families in Guatemala.

We have led dozens of disaster recovery trips in the past 6 years. When disaster came to our community through Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, Servants was ready to respond and cleaned out almost 100 homes and repaired close to 40 homes from the devastation.

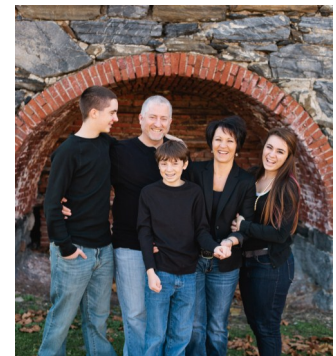
Our Home Helps staff and volunteers are truly a blessing to the homeowners of York County! We have worked on almost 500 homes since we started Home Helps and we have ministered to hundreds more in York County who turn to Servants in times of need.

Last year, over 450 volunteers donated more than 15,000 hours of labor to serve Christ through serving others!

None of this would be possible by my hands alone or even with the hard work of our staff. Only through the power of God, the support of passionate donors, and the servant hearts of our volunteers will any of this ministry take place!

Trent Davis

Founder/Executive Director



The Davis Family

### The Ministries of Servants - Far & Near

- Foreign Long-term and Short-term missions
- U.S. Disaster Response Trips
- York County Home Helps



Servants  
Serving Christ Through  
Serving Others

Our logo depicts Christ's example of how we are to serve others!

### Serving Christ through serving others in...

Servants values relationships between its volunteers, ministry partner organizations, and those we serve. We want to come alongside of those in need, serve them with practical help, and walk through their darkest hour of need with them. As such, we pursue repeat opportunities to engage with those who are experiencing long-term, acute difficulties. We specialize in planning, organizing and leading short-term mission trips and local projects by pairing skilled and general laborers with people in need in York County, PA, throughout the United States, and around the world.

### ...York County Home Helps!

**Home Helps' mission is to improve the lives of people in York County. Our purpose is to give them hope and help them see and feel the love of Jesus Christ.**

Volunteers in our Home Helps Ministry participate in local projects that provide helping hands to elderly, disabled, and single parent homeowners in York County who are currently experiencing difficulties maintaining their homes. These homeowners lack the finances, health, or expertise to perform the work themselves.

Typical projects consist of ramp installation, home modifications, maintenance, and minor repairs. We are blessed every day by the amazing homeowners we encounter in York County!



Charlie Brown with a client



Steve replacing siding



Youth group testing out a new ramp



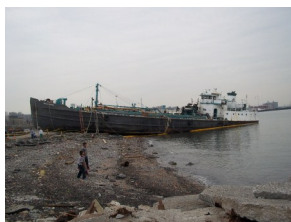
Volunteers working on a ramp

### ...Disaster areas in the U.S.A.!

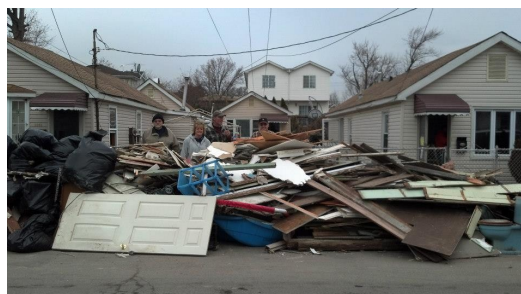
Through our Disaster Recovery Ministry, volunteers provide a Christian response to natural disasters in our country. Many people ask, "where is God in this disaster?" We respond that, "God is in the recovery!" By helping people rebuild after a disaster, we can be the hands and feet of Christ and demonstrate His love through our service!

**"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."**

**- Ephesians 2:10**



A barge run aground on Staten Island



Debris in the streets of Staten Island after Superstorm Sandy



Bonnie at work!

### ...Foreign Missions

It's hard to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ when you don't have a roof over your head, or you haven't eaten a nutritious meal in days, or you are suffering from a preventable disease or health condition. Our foreign missions focus on meeting these basic needs so people can achieve a sustainable lifestyle, while at the same time sharing all that God offers through the saving grace of His Son, Jesus Christ! Whether it is serving families and children in Guatemala or working to construct a medical clinic in Haiti, the ultimate goal is to make disciples for Jesus Christ!



Volunteers posing with friends at the Children's Home



Group of volunteers with one of the families we serve in Guatemala.



Paul and Adam playing praise songs with children in Guatemala



Matt & Steve taking a break with some local boys in Haiti

### Thanks for your support!

Thank you so much for all you do to support the ministry of Servants! Like a three-legged stool, it takes volunteers to be the hands and feet of Christ; it takes financial partners to send the volunteers into the field; and it takes your prayers to undergird them with God's power to do His ministry. If we take any one of those "legs" away, the ministry can't continue. Thanks so much for doing your part to help us serve!

**"Without your gifts of Prayer, finances, and time volunteered, we would not be able to fulfill God's vision for Servants!"**

### For more in-depth information, sign up below!

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## You are changing their worlds!

### York County Home Helps



Home owners in York County!

### Disaster Recovery In the USA



Gary & Henry with disaster  
survivors in Mississippi!

### Foreign Missions



Three young boys from a family that  
we serve in Guatemala!