

LIVING AS SERVANTS

Serving Christ Through Serving Others



One Thing Remains

By Trent Davis, Founder and CEO

In Ecclesiastes, King Solomon tells us there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven. We are living in a time that I don't think many of us could have imagined. The COVID-19 pandemic has had far reaching effects, from financial impacts to widespread illness, and even a great number of deaths. At the time I write this, I'm not even certain how broad the impact will be.

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Why We Persist

by John Feldmann, Home Helps Manager

Brenda and her social worker reached out to Servants in July of 2019. They reported Brenda's floor was soft throughout her hallway and bathroom and she could not afford to pay for the repairs. While going through the details of the damage, Brenda's social worker advised that Brenda was having memory trouble and often relies on her neighbor for help. Servants agreed immediately to assess the damage and see what repairs were needed.

When the team arrived at the scheduled time to assess the damages, the house was dark. No one appeared to be home. Brenda's neighbor advised the team not to leave, that Brenda likely was home but did not remember the appointment. Sure enough, Brenda was home and we were able to assess the damages which were much greater than we imagined.

Given the area that needed repair, the team needed multiple work days to complete the work. Brenda seemed very anxious about the number of people coming in and out of her home. Servants decided to utilize a small team of consistent volunteers to complete the work.

The team returned to Brenda's home on four different occasions to complete the work. Even though Brenda didn't always recognize the members immediately, she eventually did and our volunteers enjoyed her lively conversations and humor.

Brenda told the team on their last visit that she was so grateful for the repairs and even more so for the new group of friends. Brenda touched all of our lives in an immeasurable way. This team had the opportunity to build relationships, provide hope, and mutually have each other's lives transformed by their time together.

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Countries that we have served and grown to love have closed their borders, causing us to cancel mission trips. *Social distancing* orders and statewide shutdowns have forced us to stop serving local and regional homeowners with needed home repairs.

But there was another time not that long ago that we also considered *unimaginable*. It was shortly after we took our first trip to Guatemala that we experienced the tragedy of September 11, 2001. That also created a new reality for how we would serve Christ through serving others.

Just like in 2001, we turn to God for answers during these unimaginable times. And as we adjust once again to a new reality, one thing remains. One thing stays constant. **The love of Jesus Christ.**



It is that love that drives us to persevere in the face of tragedy. When we are told we can't go to Guatemala or work in the homes of our families here at home, we find new ways to serve virtually online in Guatemala and we use the good old-fashioned way of picking up the phone and calling all of our local homeowners to make sure that they are safe and well and have everything they need.

Even in a season of upheaval and uncertainty, we know that God works together for the good of those who love him. His love remains! Hope springs eternal.

Trent Davis

2020 Home Helps Summer Work Camps

Servants is excited to announce three summer work camp opportunities! For more information on volunteering or sponsorship, contact Alisha Crooks at alisha@servants.org or (717) 378-0336.

Faith Beyond the Pews | June 7th - 12th
York City Work Camp | July 5th - 10th
Home Helps Northeast | July 26th - 31st

4th Annual Servants Gala

RESCHEDULED

In accordance with the social distancing recommendation of the CDC and President, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 Gala. A new date has not yet been determined.

Stay tuned for more information

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