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Plainfield, IN  
Lincoln, CA

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# Sharing Camp Outreach

WOULD **YOUR** SUMMER BE MORE MEANINGFUL IF YOU **KNEW** YOU WERE A BLESSING TO OTHERS?

*Maintaining a home becomes increasingly difficult as senior citizens age. Common Ground Christian Ministries invites you to help individuals in need with a neighborhood repair blitz in the Indianapolis area **July 12-18, 2009** and Lincoln, California **July 26 – August 1.***

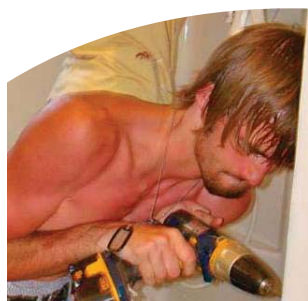
## The hardest work you've ever done. Perhaps the most fun you ever had!

For an experience you'll never forget, Common Ground Christian Ministries invites you to join other young (and not-so-young) adults and teens for Camp Outreach 2009. You'll sweat, laugh, and maybe cry, but if you're like most of the participants, you'll never be the same again.

Camp Outreach brings together like-minded people who are committed to being a blessing to others. For one week, participants will gather to renovate the homes of elderly, widows and fatherless. We will fellowship,

share Biblical principles and build friendships that stand the test of time.

Indiana Participants will stay in modern, air-conditioned dorms at Camp Camby, just outside Indianapolis. All lodging, meals, materials, recreation and transportation to and from worksites is provided for a low per person cost of \$100. All participants are responsible for transportation to and from Indiana. If you would like to attend, but the cost is prohibitive, please consider asking your congregation for a scholarship.



## What is Camp Outreach?

*"For those unfamiliar with what Camp Outreach is, the easiest way to explain it would be to imagine a hybrid with one part HGTV and one part church camp, with a liberal dose of Home Improvement thrown in for good measure. It's also given me perhaps the most memorable and meaningful experiences of my life. From falling through water-damaged ceilings, to seeing a widow and her daughter brought to tears because total strangers from around the country were willing to volunteer their blood, sweat, and tears to help them in their time of need, Camp has made me laugh and cry. Sometimes simultaneously, which, unsurprisingly is even less pretty than it sounds."*

**Jon Swenson**  
Plainfield, Indiana

# Results



## History Before

Camp Outreach was born in Georgetown, Kentucky in 2005, where the homes of six elderly residents received such updates as a new porch, fresh paint, a new kitchen, a wheelchair ramp, a bathroom floor and freshly repaired walls.

Since 2005, hundreds of participants have worked on Camp Outreach projects in locations as diverse as Pascagoula, Mississippi, Plainfield, Indiana, Chattanooga, Tennessee and Lincoln, California. Subsequent projects have included insulation, hurricane and flood relief, and minor repairs that made a major difference to aging homeowners.

*"Prior to any renovation, Patty's house was plain, and nonchalant. It was also decaying, unstable.... The first four days were spent repairing weak and deficient areas of the home's frame ... I could hear the motor of the saws as they tore through the 2x4's... Side boards were being stripped off the house, an entire exterior wall was taken out and replaced, ceiling holes were sealed, the front porch supports were supplanted, the bathroom was wholly renewed, and a back porch was even built... Throughout the house, flooring was put down, walls were painted, windows were repaired or replaced, and light fixtures and fans were added."*

## After

*"I was picking up garbage and gathering tools when I noticed Patty standing in the yard. Staring at her new home, hands over her mouth, tears began trickling down her face. Even from a distance I could see the joy and gratitude reflected in her expression. As I walked past Patty, she looked at me and smiled. I had worked so arduously, and was so determined to help renovate Patty's house and it paid off. Not only did her home look remarkable, I was also rewarded by the manifestation of gratefulness in Patty. Mission Camp Outreach: wonderfully accomplished."*

**Rachael Burkhart  
Cincinnati, Ohio**



## NEW THIS YEAR!

The latest addition to Camp Outreach, Indiana, is First Outreach, an opportunity for families with **younger children, aged 4 – 12**, to participate in Camp while their children enjoy Bible and service based activities.

Hotel rooms are available right on the Camp premises for interested families.

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**IF YOU CAN'T  
COME, HOW  
CAN YOU  
HELP?**

There is no charge to any recipient for the renovation of homes provided by Common Ground Christian Ministries and Camp Outreach. All materials and labor are donated. Workers are charged a minimal fee that does not even cover housing and food.

Consider sponsoring a worker from your area or sending a dedicated donation to cover materials, housing and food for those who are donating their time to improve the lives of widows, fatherless and elderly.