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Several years ago, the members of our church family were working together completing the church sanctuary expansion project. We had determined that utilizing our family labor, we could greatly reduce the cost of the expansion and thus achieve much more for the kingdom of God with much less money being spent. It was a very rewarding experience for many of us who labored together and gave us a chance to get to know one another better, while accomplishing the completion of the expansion.

As we worked together, we discussed the joy we were sharing in the work and in the growth of our members through the experience. We wondered at that time if there might not be some way in which we could experience that same type of joy on a more regular basis. Realizing that the church could not possibly provide ongoing opportunity to enjoy these experiences, we put the discussion to rest.

Sometime later, as the result of some studies undertaken in mentoring and discipling, the topic resurfaced again. How could we combine the joy of working together on projects and at the same time begin mentoring and discipling one another through the same process? As I prayed about these questions, the Lord provided the Bridge Builders ministry to me. As I thought about the name, it didn't take long to understand the meaning of the name the Lord wanted it to have. Since the primary function of the ministry will involve gathering volunteers to provide labor for construction projects in the community, it was only natural for the name to include construction in some manner. But more importantly, Bridge Builders describes the primary goals of the ministry, which will be to connect people and build relationships in many directions simultaneously. The men and women who will form the work teams and will work on the projects will be building relationships between themselves. Many young men and women in our churches and communities lack adequate male influence in their homes, so the ministry will seek to include young people to help them learn essential work skills that they might not otherwise learn. At the same time, the older folks will mentor the young people by showing them how a Christian acts and behaves, and hopefully by developing friendships with the young people which will positively influence their behavior and help them become Godly young men and women. Lastly, the teams will give Christian witness to those whom they are serving in the community, and will have ample opportunity to share the message of God's love with them and to invite them to know that love for themselves, the love of Jesus bridging the chasm to God through his death on the cross. All of the relationships mentioned are bridges that will be built during the activities of the Bridge Builders Ministry and I hope you'll be as excited about this new ministry as I am and will want to become involved in it.

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 Cut Or Tear To Separate

Yes, please sign me up as a Bridge Builder participant!

Name; _____

Phone; _____

Address; _____

E-Mail; _____

Do you have construction experience? Yes No

Do you have your own tools or equipment? Yes No