



Dear Prospective Client;

The Bridge Builders ministry exists to help people in need and to bring people together to share in using their God given gifts and abilities in service to others. There are many needs throughout our communities and the needs that the Bridge Builders have been called to fill is that of providing services in projects and activities and to establish relationships with the people in the communities in which we find ourselves placed by the Lord.

Many people are facing legitimate needs that they are unable to provide solutions to on their own and for which there is little or no public assistance available. The types of people and the types of needs that we see are as diverse as a person confined to a wheelchair that needs a ramp to have access to their home, to young children in Honduras or Mexico who are trapped in poverty and face little real opportunity for education and healthcare beyond that which followers of Christ feel called to provide. We have sent teams to situations such as the Hurricane Katrina crisis with our volunteers patching damaged roofs and reaching out to those in need with the love of Christ or to inner city outreach opportunities to serve. These are just a few examples but certainly not the limits to what the Bridge Builders ministry hopes to offer.

Most of the Bridge Builder volunteers are full time employees in traditional job settings in factories, offices, churches, or schools, who have skills and experience in other areas and a passion for helping those in need. These people come together first and foremost because we love the Lord Jesus Christ. He who died on the cross so that all people can have forgiveness of their sin and by submitting to His leadership and authority in their life and laying down their pride and sinful nature have the expectation of completing their mission on the earth. Those who follow faithfully look forward to then spending eternity in the loving, peace filled presence of the triune God.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Jepson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dan Jepson  
Bridge Builders Founder & Director





Dear Pastor or Church Leader;

Several years ago I was led by the Lord to initiate a ministry that would serve the lost, draw believers together and facilitate bringing people into His presence where He can draw them to Himself and bind the church together in unity of purpose. I understand that this is a monumental task and that churches and ministries all around the world are already a part of His great commission and serving Him faithfully. My intention then is not to supplant or replace efforts that are already seeking to fulfill our purposes in Him, but to come along side churches or ministries that are needing to increase their participation in this great honor that He has given to us, and to help establish outreach ministries in places that recognize the call to service but lack the organizational skills to begin serving His purpose.

I am visiting your ministry to offer my services in establishing a Bridge Builders ministry within your current organization by supplying a functional model from which to work as well as to offer practical experience from myself or others in helping you to move your organization in that direction.

I offer to meet with your leadership, to explain the purposes and structure of the Bridge Builders ministry and then to assist your leadership for a season in getting your people ready to begin this important chapter in their walk with our Lord and Savior. Of course, all of my work and service to you in this effort is offered without cost to you or your organization and I seek only to fulfill the ministry that He has called me to, to assist in establishing this ministry wherever He leads me and to those who are willing to participate. I look forward to hearing from you soon about getting started!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Jepson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.



Click To Email Completed Form to [djepson@bridgebuildersusa.org](mailto:djepson@bridgebuildersusa.org)

## Project Application

Please fill out this application as completely and accurately as possible. Doing so will make a determination on your application much easier and faster. A ministry representative may visit you to gather additional information or to survey the project site.

Applicant Name; \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number; \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By; \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address; \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address; \_\_\_\_\_ Project Address; \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief description of the project; (please use a separate sheet if more room is necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief explanation of your reason for requesting help from this ministry; \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Project Start Date Requested; \_\_\_\_\_ Project Completion Date Required; \_\_\_\_\_

Please check mark or fill in as applicable;

- I will provide all materials for the project.
- I need help with the cost of materials.
- I will supply "Sweat Equity"
- I will have \_\_\_\_\_ people to help.

- I will provide utilities as needed at the worksite.
- I will provide meals for the work teams.
- I will provide coffee, water, and beverages for the teams.
- I cannot provide any assistance to the project or teams.

This section to be completed by project evaluator

Evaluator Name; \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Evaluation; \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Hours; \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Cost; \_\_\_\_\_

Team Size Required; \_\_\_\_\_ Team Frequency; \_\_\_\_\_

Can This project be completed in the requested amount of time?  Yes  No

Is this project one that is reasonable for this ministry to undertake?  Yes  No

This section to be completed by the approval board

This project is;  Approved  Declined

Conditions of Approval, or Explanation of Decline; \_\_\_\_\_

Project Leader; \_\_\_\_\_ Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Completed Form To; Bridge Builders USA, 9437 State Road, Cranesville, PA 16140



Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Many years ago, I was involved in a construction project at my home church. We were expanding and remodeling our sanctuary, and in order to save money, we decided to use volunteer labor from the congregation. The project was of substantial size, so it required several months and many hours of labor to complete. Having an excellent background in construction from past employment and experience on our family farm, I was one of the many volunteers who participated.

As we worked, I found that I was really enjoying the fellowship that we were developing as we worked together on God's house. Many of the other volunteers were people I knew from church, but I had never really gotten to know them. Each time we gathered to work, we found ourselves paired or grouped with different men and women, which allowed us to develop many friendships and deeper relationships as a result of having participated in the project.

After the project was over, I was discussing the enjoyment that many others and I had experienced during that work project with our senior pastor, who had also spent many long hours on the project himself. We both agreed that the experience was very positive and there was some regret when the project was completed because those times of camaraderie and relationship development were hard to reproduce under other circumstances.

Later while taking a course on The Art of Mentoring through the Trinity College and Theological Seminary, one of my tasks was to plan and develop a mentoring program, and then to hopefully implement the plan at a later date. It was during this time that the Lord laid the fully developed idea for the Bridge Builders Ministry before me. I will try to be brief in the explanation of the ministry, but any time I start to think about it, I seem to overflow with thoughts and ideas about the ministry.

First, I needed a name. As I prayed about it and sought the guidance of the Lord, it was He who gave me the name Bridge Builders. 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 one of the many functions 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 & women who will form the work teams and will work on the projects will be building relationships between themselves. Many young people in our churches and communities lack adequate Christian 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 that will positively influence their behavior and help them become Godly young people. And 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. 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. Please contact me at the locations listed below for more information.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Jepson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dan Jepson, Founder & Director

E-mail; [djepson@bridgebuildersusa.org](mailto:djepson@bridgebuildersusa.org)

9437 State Road  
Cranesville, PA 16410

[www.bridgebuildersusa.org](http://www.bridgebuildersusa.org)  
Cell (814) 881-3896



June 12, 2018

## Bridge Builders Scriptural References;

### **Ephesians 4:11-13**

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

### **James 2:14-17, 26**

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead....

As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.



Bridge Builders USA  
 9437 State Road  
 Cranesville, PA 16410

[www.bridgebuildersusa.org](http://www.bridgebuildersusa.org)  
[djepson@bridgebuildersusa.org](mailto:djepson@bridgebuildersusa.org)

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.

.....  
 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

