

## Newsletter 4/26/2026

**Hi Folks** There is more going on than what you see here, but more about that in the next newsletter. For now let's talk about the recap of the Team Depot/Second Saturday Project at Mr. Jeff's home. Then an update on the May 2 Shipment of hardware supplies going to the free store The Blessing Barn in Swannanoa NC. And followed by a preview of the MacDaddy project at Ms. Tia's and her father Mr. Athel's home. Plus an update on Midland Gives current status and coming up Giving Day on May 5. Lots going on on May 2 (Blessing Barn), May 5 (Midland Gives), and May 9 (Second Saturday)!

### Recap of April 23 Team Depot Project at Jeff's Home

We had an awesome event on Thursday working at the home of Mr. Jeff and his wife, Mrs. Rosalind. Home Depot's Team Depot was well represented by four different stores in the Columbia area. Our friends at Store 1106 in Lexington were there, led by Mrs. Flossie; Store 1109 was led by Jason; the Aiken store was represented by Mrs. Karen; and finally, the MDO appliance distribution center was represented by another Jason. Yep, 3 Jason's on the same site. It gets weirder....read on.

There were about 15 people there from Team Depot and we were blessed to have Second Saturday regulars helping as well, including Marv and his daughter Shaundra, Mose, Robert, Justeen, David, and Alex. Marv brought his daughter, who was visiting, and Mrs. Candy's son, Pastor Matthew, showed up with Deacon Alan for their first time serving with us. Thanks also for Candace for bringing her son Colten who got to serve.

Wednesday night before the Go Event, Ray brought a Skid Steer from Pinnacle Landscaping to prep the site for the 2'x2' stones to be laid which made all the difference. We could not have done this in 4 hours without this effort. Thanks to Ryan at Pinnacle for sending his gear and one of the best men I know to help. Thanks Ray! 2<sup>nd</sup> Pic is Alex and guys from 1109 Sandhills – Jason, 1106 Lexington Johnny (Flossie's Husband), Carl from 1106, and Jason Hill(yep there 2 are two of us!) from the HD Appliance Distribution Center, and our friend Alex from 2S who came up with the plan and shepherded this crew. The 3<sup>rd</sup> pic is Mr. Jeffrey entering his service Van from the expanded walkway. Mission Accomplished!

God's timing is always perfect. When we arrived, we found out that Thursday was Mr. Jeff's birthday. Not only did he have the blessing of people reaching out in love, but clearly it was God's intent that we serve his family that day. Amen.

Below is a pic of Mrs. Justeen signing the Bible. We always give the beneficiaries of our Go events a signed Bible by the participants. This is a token of remembrance for what God provided to them by using the volunteers for his plan to bless them. We got this idea from our Mt. Horeb friends. Also is a picture of the signature page where Candace's son Colton signed and shared that he got to help dig the French drain. This

is a young man who got to serve and see adults doing the same so he joined in. He is being disciplined by his Mom to follow Jesus by being like Jesus and showing the fruits of the Spirit. Thanks Colton, you can serve with us anytime! And thanks Mom for discipling your sons!.

Team Depot and Second Saturday accomplished these projects plus more:

- Widened the walkway for Mr. Jeff's wheelchair
- Built a trash can storage area with a privacy fence (Thanks Robert)
- Installed a French drain along the side of the house (Thanks Marv and team)
- Added a new garden bed in the backyard (Mrs. Flossie, Mrs. Queen and crew)
- Cleared out a spot for a new shed (Mrs. Flossie, Mrs. Queen and crew)
- Cut down a large pampas grass (Mrs. Flossie, Mrs. Queen and crew)
- Repaired both gates and installed stepping stones underneath each (Thanks Mose and team)
- Cleaned and detailed their transport van (Thanks Chapen)

We were blessed to serve both Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Rosalind, and we are extremely grateful that everyone worked safely and looked after one another. Mrs. Rosalind provided pizza, and Team Depot brought a cake to celebrate Mr. Jeff's birthday. This was truly a blessing to all involved that God worked in everyone's life that day for His glory.

We shared in a previous newsletter about the blessing that our friend Steve, who owns Egg Up Grill in Ballentine, provided when he donated a lot of inventory from the closed hardware store in Ballentine. Our friend Tracey, who is a retired army logistics expert, has built a team of volunteers who have inventoried and documented that hardware. Thank to his Mom especially – MeeMaw! So when our friend Kristin, who runs the Blessing Barn in Swannanoa, NC, receives this material, her volunteers will be able to quickly locate and share this free material to their beneficiaries who lost homes in Hurricane Helene and are rebuilding themselves. Having these free resources means that hundreds, if not thousands, of families will benefit. Our friend Curtis of GodSpeedSC will be driving these materials up to NC next Saturday, May 2. If anyone wants to come help, we'll be meeting at 8:30 at The Shop. It should take a couple of hours. Breakfast at Eggs Up follows and I have the tab. Y'all come!

**If anyone wants to join us loading the trailer just click here->**

**[I want to help load the trailer going to the Blessing Barn on May 2!](#)**

## **May 9th Second Saturday**

We will be serving at the home of Ms. Tia and Mr. Athel

Mrs. Tia is a single mother with 2 kids. She has a job, goes to school, and has become caregiver to her father Mr. Athel. He has lost the cartilage in his joints and has extreme difficulty moving. This family came to us from Chris Sharpe of EmmanuWheel. Chris and the Mt. Horeb Ramp Crew are building a wheelchair ramp to help him get into and out of the house.

We discussed this home and decided that we would help raise his converted garage bedroom up 1.5 feet so that the floor in Mr Athel's bedroom is at the same level as the floor in the house. This is the gamechanger task for this month. This will allow Mr. Athel to enter the home easily for dinner other essentials including exiting the home. This will be a big job, but it will have a huge impact on both Ms. Tia and Mr. Athel. We call this the "game changer" task that we always try to address. We spent a couple hours Saturday planning and we'll do another site visit on Wednesday to confirm the design. We are building a play book with a design drawing, materials, and cut lengths. We" get the lengths and dimensions of the lumber for his new floor.

There are lots of other tasks including these we need help with!

- interior lighting
- smoke detectors
- repairing a gate
- Painting the front porch railings
- Replace mailbox post
- GFCI install
- Gate latches
- Security lights
- landscaping
- screen door handle

[Please sign me up to serve on Second Saturday May 9th 2026](#)<-Click to sign up and serve!

## **Midlands Gives**

Midlands Gives campaign is rolling! We are so excited that folks love Second Saturday enough to support the service work we provide. Remember to tell your friends that every dollar they donate goes back out the door for materials with a little bit for website and social media. So there are no salaries for 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday volunteers.

We were blessing with a \$10,000 anonymous donation from the Cheerful Giver via Central Carolina Community Foundation. Plus we have had multiple donations so far of about \$3000 and we have a matching donation up to \$10,000. So please consider 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in your giving plan this year!

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