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BLITZ DAY 2008!

On April 19th, 2008 Operation Inasmuch once again covered the community with the gifts of faithful volunteers. The neighborhood site was Holiday Park where 34 homes were repaired by volunteers from 36 churches. This 25th blitz day included projects ranging from packages for wounded warriors to roofs being replaced. Several churches not only participated in the neighborhood blitz but also performed numerous projects in their fellowship halls and throughout the community.

A special attraction of Blitz Day was the neighborhood block party which drew children of all ages to the games, food and loving touch of Christian volunteers. This extraordinary venue captivated everyone with the joyful sound of music and laughter in the neighborhood.



**Neighborhood Block Party, where
God's joy is contagious**



**Morning Prayer, whenever two
or more are gathered...**



**Lebanon Baptist & Open Arms Fellowship,
A little closer to Heaven.**



A touch of Christ

Thank You!!
Blitz Day 08
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990 Churches Cover NC In Blessings

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Tarheel State resonated with the sound of hammers, music, prayers and joy as Christian churches covered our state with the gifts and resources that God has provided.

Coordinated by the NC Baptist Men, nearly 1000 Churches

came together on April 19th to blitz their communities. There were projects in all one hundred counties of NC. Over 60,000 volunteers served their communities in the name of Jesus. This was a first time effort for many churches in North Carolina.

The reality of what we could accomplish together was overwhelming.



Wrong Bus Stop Becomes God's Plan

The stories that come out of each Blitz Day are always amazing to hear but the story of **Mr. Jesse Morris**, a World War II Veteran, is extraordinary. Because of collapsing floors and walls caused by broken water lines, he'd been relocated to a guest house behind his church. Several times each week Mr. Jesse would take a city bus to his home of over 40 years. Although his home was in need of repair, he still took great pride in maintaining the outside appearance.

On one appointed morning, while Blitz-day homes were being selected, Mr. Jesse accidentally got off at the "wrong" bus stop. But in God's plan it was exactly the right bus stop! A neighbor was being interviewed for Blitz day repairs and

introduced Mr. Jesse. Upon inspection of his home, it became apparent that God had presented Inasmuch with something that would challenge us more than ever before. Who would accept such a huge project?



Mr. Jesse Morris
A True Fayetteville
Hometown Hero

Northwood Temple, a first time Inasmuch Church, had called the previous day to say they had plumbers, contractors and electricians who were ready to work. This was a match...made in heaven!

The work began on Blitz day but has continued over the last several weeks. The kitchen and living room are approaching a divine makeover courtesy of God's people.

The neighborhood prayer of "bring Mr. Jesse home" is being answered by the faithful of Northwood Temple, generous businesses and the vision of members **Mike Karaman** and **Mike & Tischa Eddy**.

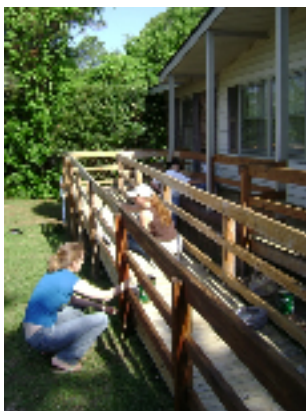
Who says you can't make an impact on blitz day...even as a first timer!

Law Day 2008...No Objections Here

"Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours"
C.S. Lewis



Fearless Leader Jo Clouse



Finishing Touches

Under the leadership of **Judge Beth Keever**, members of the **Cumberland County Bar Association** held court at a home on Coronado Parkway on May 1st. **Attorney Jo Clouse** brought together her colleagues to refurbish an aging wheelchair ramp and recycle a smaller ramp to bring the homeowners in from the rain. The grateful mother & daughter team travel three days per week for the daughter's dialysis treatments.

Shrubbery and trees were trimmed and a vine covered backyard was transformed into a neat, useable space. Inside the home, the living room walls were freshly painted and thanks to the generosity of the attorneys, new carpeting was installed. It is a special blessing to have lawyers and judges willing to step outside the courtroom and touch the heart of Cumberland County.



'Just A Few Drops & You'll Be A Silver Fox Too'

Ad Winters & Jim Nance



Landscaping Lawyers

Gifted To Give



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Mission Statement

To walk among the
broken and struggling,
being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Mission Purpose

Operation Inasmuch is
designed by God to grow and make
its home in any church or heart
where Jesus Christ is Lord. Our
purpose is to go outside the church
walls to a world in need, offering
the talents and gifts with which we
have been blessed. We believe that
God has called us to be his hands
and feet as we share his love with
"the least of these".

OPERATION INASMUCH

Matthew 23:10

"Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it to me."



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"Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed"

Dr. Robert H. Schuller

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What's going On At 531 Hillsboro Street?

Progress is becoming evident at The Operation Inasmuch Ministry Center on Hillsboro Street. Our future home is being repaired and revamped to fulfill our calling!



Lanny & Donald trenching for plumbing lines.



Beth & Molly from Open Arms covering the plumbing lines.

Each week another item is crossed off the seemingly endless to-do list.

With unwavering faith and dedication to the cause, volunteers provide their time, tithes and talents.



Snyder guys working on the back entrance.



First Presbyterian place the first blocks for our Prayer Garden.

This unique combination of faith and expertise is resulting in a transformation that we pray will carry over into the lives of the people we will serve.

Our projected move-in date of Fall 2008 remains a strong possibility but we're flexible to His timetable. We anticipate that problems may surface and

delays will occur but our vision for this building is staying right on schedule.