the other reality

We know that not everything will get done in one sitting. We know it will take planning and patience. We want this new experience to have a solid foundation, as well as last a long time. We don't want this to be a "one and done" or last long enough until we burn out all who are serving. We will do our best to see this grow in a manner that will include many from the community, as well as serving many from other communities.

What to do next?

If you are interested in any way, or know of someone who fits the criteria of those we are serving, please contact:

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A new experience

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toolbox

Together, coming alongside of those in need

What is the toolbox?

The toolbox is a new experience where we come together to live out the "good news" in word and deed by coming alongside widows, widowers, single moms, the elderly and military families to assist in finishing their odd jobs around the house. We will begin a relationship with the family that consists of coming alongside of them and seeing what their needs are and what we see as their needs in regards to home repair and maintenance. To accomplish all that needs to be done, it may take many visits or only a few. The desire is to build a relationship with the family that allows us to love them in word and deed to finish the odd jobs in ways they otherwise couldn't do or afford.

Who can participate?

Anyone; men, women or teenagers. If the teenagers are under the age of 16, they must be accompanied by an adult. You do not need any special skills, the site leaders and other helpers are willing to teach. We also need people who are willing to come along and visit with homeowner while the others do work.

Who are we serving?

As stated above, widows, widowers, single moms, the elderly and military families within the community, especially those who are partnered with the Family Resource Center, Head Start, and the Plymouth Adult Community Center.

What is required?

- First of all, a willingness to serve in this manner. No experience is needed, just a willingness to come alongside of the families and others as we serve together.
- A desired commitment of 3 hours on the 2nd Saturday of the month from March to November.
- Finally, there are two areas of paperwork that we require. The main reason we do this is to create a safe environment for the families we are coming alongside of. So we will need everyone to fill out a release form as well as a background check form. Please understand us; *we want as many to participate as possible, but we also want to ensure the safety of those we are coming alongside of and those who are working.*

Other Opportunities?

We do see and believe there may be other opportunities to come alongside of these families. One of them would be an "on-call" opportunity. We understand that as a relationship is built not everything can fit in a Saturday morning, or maybe there will be other needs that arise. We want to have a group of folks who would be willing to serve as an "on-call" person who could be available to serve on an as-needed basis.

Key leaders

As of now, there are key leaders who have a heart to start this new experience and live out the "good news" in word and deed. We are also looking for people who are willing to be site leaders. This would consist of meeting with the family and creating the odd job list. Then working together with your team to accomplish the tasks.

Format of the 2nd Saturday

We meet at 7:30 AM at the *Generations* building in the Senior Lounge (enter east doors). We will take some time to share, encourage, and challenge one another. After about 30-45 minutes, we will then break out into our teams. Each team will have a site leaders that will be with you to help plan the work for the day. We then will go out and serve the families for the remaining time, going until 10:30 or 11 AM.