



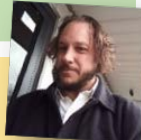
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REPAIRING HOMES &  
RESTORING HOPE  
FOR WORKING-POOR  
FAMILIES

## Presidents Log

Refocusing on God:



When I founded Good Neighbors, I knew it would only succeed through Divine Intervention. Now, 16+ years later, we're still going and I've seen countless miracles over that time – but I still forget...

When Good Neighbors began in 2005, one of our most commonly purchased building materials, half-inch (7/16") OSB sheathing, sold for less than \$4 per sheet. When it went up to nearly \$8 per sheet in 2019, I'll admit it gave me a bit of acid reflux... Last summer, it peaked at over \$54/sheet!!

That, paired with rising gas prices, labor, food and energy costs – everything related to our ability to function and serve – well, it scares the heck out of me!!

If I continue to focus on this – and it's easy to do, I'll be anxious, depressed, fatigued and negative. If I step back and refocus on how God has provided over the years – then I have clarity, positivity and Hope!

Going back to the \$54 sheathing, we were able to purchase much of what we needed before the price spike. Many Thanks to our donors!

In addition, after 2 years of limited mission groups, we now have more scheduled volunteer groups in 2022 than ever before!

My best bit of 2022 advice for myself and the majority of Americans who are experiencing a sense of worriedness in these strange times – Trust God and think positively! I remind myself to do it daily!

*God, grant me the Serenity to accept  
the things I cannot change...*

*Courage to change the things I can,  
And Wisdom to know the difference.*

-Serenity Prayer

Blessings and Thanks,

*Jason Benedict*

-President

## Bringing Hope when it seems all hope is lost...

When Wayne Lyon's home of 30 years **caught fire** following an electrical malfunction resulting from the ice storm and flooding earlier this year, he picked up the pieces and began work to restore an older home on his property so he and his family would have a place to live. While giving a valiant effort to do it himself, he was overwhelmed with the amount of work and knew he needed help. Here's his story:

**It was at 4:30 a.m.** when Wayne's 13-year-old granddaughter, came to him to inform him that the electricity was off. When Wayne woke up to check the electricity, he discovered that a power surge had caused an electrical outlet under the trailer to catch fire and subsequently caused the floor to catch fire. After this, he and the other four members of his family moved into an apartment in Paintsville and began working on an adjacent home that he also owned but was not in a livable condition.

Wayne once worked in maintenance and drove a bus for the Paintsville Independent School District, he said, but was forced to retire a little more than 20 years ago when a car accident broke his back in two places. Since then, Wayne has done appliance repair and he and his wife have become the custodians of two additional children, and then were beset by the misfortune of losing their home of 30 years. Then, as Wayne began to implement his plans to rebuild, a neighbor purchased several windows for the new home and gave them to him — **but those were stolen.**

"We have a 13-year-old daughter, she's my granddaughter that we adopted when she was born, and a two-year-old granddaughter that we haven't adopted yet, but we've had her since she was born," Wayne said, explaining his household and their current living situation.

**"We stay in Meade Apartments, and we've got two rooms and there's five of us living in there, and we're about ready to kill each other,"** Wayne explained, laughing. Wayne said he was overwhelmed by the amount of work that he saw before him, leading to him reaching out to Good Neighbors in March.

"I knew about them and after the house fire, I knew I had to have help, but I thought I was going to have to do all of this myself ... I went and talked to them and they said they'd try to help me with some building supplies, doors and things like that, and it went from there," Wayne said. "Next thing I know, they called me to tell me they had a crew coming. They've rewired the house completely, took the old walls down, I've hauled eight loads of garbage off from here and had that little trailer stacked higher than my car. They've got another crew coming in next week and I'm hoping it'll be finished then."



The project began with removing all the walls to the bare studs and completely rewiring the home. As an amazing side note, the entire crew of Bowen Electrical Contracting volunteered for a week to wire the home and staff a double crew of volunteers!! The owner of the company, TJ, wanted to give back by helping a family-in-need as Good Neighbors had worked on the home where he and his mother lived --- years ago!!

It took all summer and several work crews, but we finally completed the project, including a new roof, walls, floors, windows, plumbing and, of course, up-to-code electrical. The transformation was amazing!!

*Thank you to all our donors and volunteers who made this and many other equally amazing projects possible this year!!*



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## To our Donors:

*We couldn't do it without you!*

### Wholesale lumber prices

Price per thousand board feet of lumber

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Building material prices fluctuate - often by a lot!

They typically cost much more during the summer, which is our prime working season. Your donations allow us to help more families than you might think, by purchasing materials in advance at a much lower cost!!

An excellent example is the OSB sheathing mentioned in the President's Log. In July, Lowes charged over \$50/sheet - today, in December, it is priced at less than \$20/sheet.

Your donations have a HUGE impact and we use them wisely to serve as many families as possible!!

Sincere Thanks and Blessings to the individuals and businesses who gave last year - You made a difference!!

## Site Staff Needed

2022 is scheduled to be our biggest year ever and we could use your help! To learn more about joining our staff for a week or even a season, email [jason@goodneighbors-inc.org](mailto:jason@goodneighbors-inc.org) for more information. You won't regret it!

## Good Neighbors' Impact in East Kentucky

Between a February Ice storm that left many without power for weeks, immediately followed by record-breaking flooding that affected so many families in our community, we are so



grateful to our volunteers and donors for the ability to help get families back into their homes - Thank you!!

## The Impact of Good Neighbors Across America

by Samantha Beisel

While visiting my mom in New Jersey last summer, I met one of her friends who resides in Northern Jersey, but vacations in LBI (Long Beach Island) where my mom lives. We were in the car and talking about how much of a challenge it is to raise children. You want the world for them, but you want to instill in them the want and the need to follow God. The balance is difficult sometimes and as a mother to now young adults, this friend wanted to give me an example of something that **changed her daughter's life** when she was a teen.

This woman began telling me that her daughter was brought up extremely privileged (mom said at times even spoiled). They began to see that their daughter needed something in her life. She needed to learn to be humble and thankful, but most of all she needed a relationship with God. Her parents had been members at St. Matthew and the church was planning a Missions trip to Kentucky so they encouraged their then teenage daughter to join her church friends in Kentucky.

This mom went on to tell me how amazing the experience was for her daughter. Her daughter came home talking about the amazing families she had met. How these families had so little but were so happy, she saw that happiness didn't come from items or money, but from community, family, and God. She told her mom about this amazing evening where they hiked to the top of a "mountain" and just spent time with the Lord and with each other. She had never had so much fun in her life as she had gone out to a cliff where they went swimming and just spending time in nature.

As this mom is telling me about this amazing life altering trip, my mind immediately went to Good Neighbors. All these experiences and opportunities to see God sounded so familiar! I had to ask what the name of the organization she went through was and the mom couldn't remember so I asked her to text her daughter and see if it was by any chance Good Neighbors.....IT WAS! How cool is that?

What a small world! Good Neighbors changes so many lives in Kentucky, but it's not just that - **Good Neighbors brings people across the country closer to God and closer to their Christian brothers and sisters.**

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Samantha Beisel has volunteered as a staff member and is married to Good Neighbors board member Jason Beisel.



**Our WORK:** Good Neighbors, Inc. is a 501(C)(3) charity

### Who:

Assists **employed** people, whose self-sufficiency is threatened by a specific incident requiring **urgent / necessary home repairs.**

### What we do:

Provide needed repairs, at no charge, as a **one-time-only event**, using the labor of volunteer groups from across the nation

Require people we help to: **give-back a day of their time to help others & take our financial counseling course**

### We help When:

We confirm: **current employment**, need and willingness to **take part in their repair**  
We believe our assistance will allow the recipient to continue living **self-sufficiently**



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- ☐ \$500
- ☐ \$250
- ☐ \$100
- ☐ \$50
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Other)

## 2) Yes, I want to GIVE monthly:

- ☐ \$300/month (\$10/day)
- ☐ \$150/month (\$5/day)
- ☐ \$30/month (\$1/day)
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_/month

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