

# What is Helping Hands??

## Helping Hands Outreach Mission

### STEPPING OUT ON FAITH:

*Helping Hands* began in October 2006 with a church study group of 12 people who studied Rick Warren's "Better Together" which challenged us to do a community outreach project. We intended to do some painting and home repairs but God had a



but God had a totally different plan for us. What we found were **families**, in our nearby community of Wildwood, **living in substandard living conditions** including no heat, no A/C, extensive mold and rain leaking into their homes.

Since then, *Helping Hands* has

completed 11 family projects and is currently replacing two homes every year. *Helping Hands* buys used mobile homes, rebuilds and completely furnishes them with furniture, appliances, cookware, dishes and linens, and has a dedication service before the family moves into their new home.

### FAMILIES "PAY IT FORWARD"

The cost of a typical project is \$45,000, including cash donations and the value of donated materials and services. The families we help must own their land within 8 miles of The Villages and are required to pay back \$15,000 over 3 years. This money is then used to help our next family. This commitment also builds ownership and responsibility and all our families have taken pride in this ownership and continue to maintain their homes.



"What you did for the least of these,  
you did for me"

Matthew 25:40



# Our Mission:

*Helping Hands* is an outreach ministry of New Covenant United Methodist Church established as a Christian opportunity to share God's love by providing improved housing for families in need in communities near The Villages.



## Goals

1. To assist families who want to help themselves become more self-reliant.
2. To locate, acquire, renovate and furnish cost effective used mobile homes (or current home) for families in need.
3. To improve living conditions, assist in education, financial, legal matters and provide continuing care and support.
4. To communicate the *Helping Hands* story, solicit volunteers, raise funds and obtain donated services and materials.



Sabrina: "Things were really not livable, but it was all I had so I had to live with it. Then Helping Hands came along and made a great blessing in my life, and it made a big turnaround in my life."



## Want to get involved?

If this outreach touches your heart and you desire to make a positive difference in the lives of families in need, please contact: New Covenant UMC 352-750-4529, Gene Barton 352-751-6318 or Bob Becker 352-430-0522.

## Donations

*Helping Hands* is an all-volunteer organization that relies upon your generous support both financial and donated materials and services. Your generosity impacts not only this generation but future generations. For materials or home goods donations, contact Phil Drugge, 352-751-4597.

**New Covenant United Methodist Church**  
 3270 Woodridge Drive,  
 The Villages, FL 32162 - (352)-750-4529

Please support these businesses that recently provided materials and services to "Helping Hands":

Accu Tech Auto  
Brown & Brown Farms  
Dan Shepler Roofing  
Fairfield Farm Nurseries  
Egner's Exterior Cleaning  
Fred Nickel Flooring  
Freimuth Drywall  
Galaxy Home Solutions (electric)  
Great Lakes Carpet & Tile  
Home Depot  
Kiley & Sons Inc. (plumbing)  
KT A/C Management (appliances & A/C)  
Sherwin Williams  
Smallwood Painting, LLC  
Stillwaugh Flooring  
Superior Services (pest/lawn)  
T&D Construction  
Valentino Concrete  
Village Paint & Coatings  
Wildwood Ace Hardware Inc.  
Wildwood Kitchen & Bath  
Warren Septic Co  
Xpress Materials

By sharing God's love,  
"Helping Hands"  
is blessed to

Celebrate and Dedicate  
a new beginning for  
Mia Huff's' family



Sunday, May 1st 3:00 p.m.  
at New Life Ministries Church

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*Celebration & Dedication*  
*May 1, 2011*

Prayer

Welcome & Comments - Bob Becker

Comments - Pastor Bill Lee  
New Covenant United Methodist Church

Comments - Pastor Leslie Hannah  
New Life Center Ministries Church

"Bless This House" - Chuck Lent

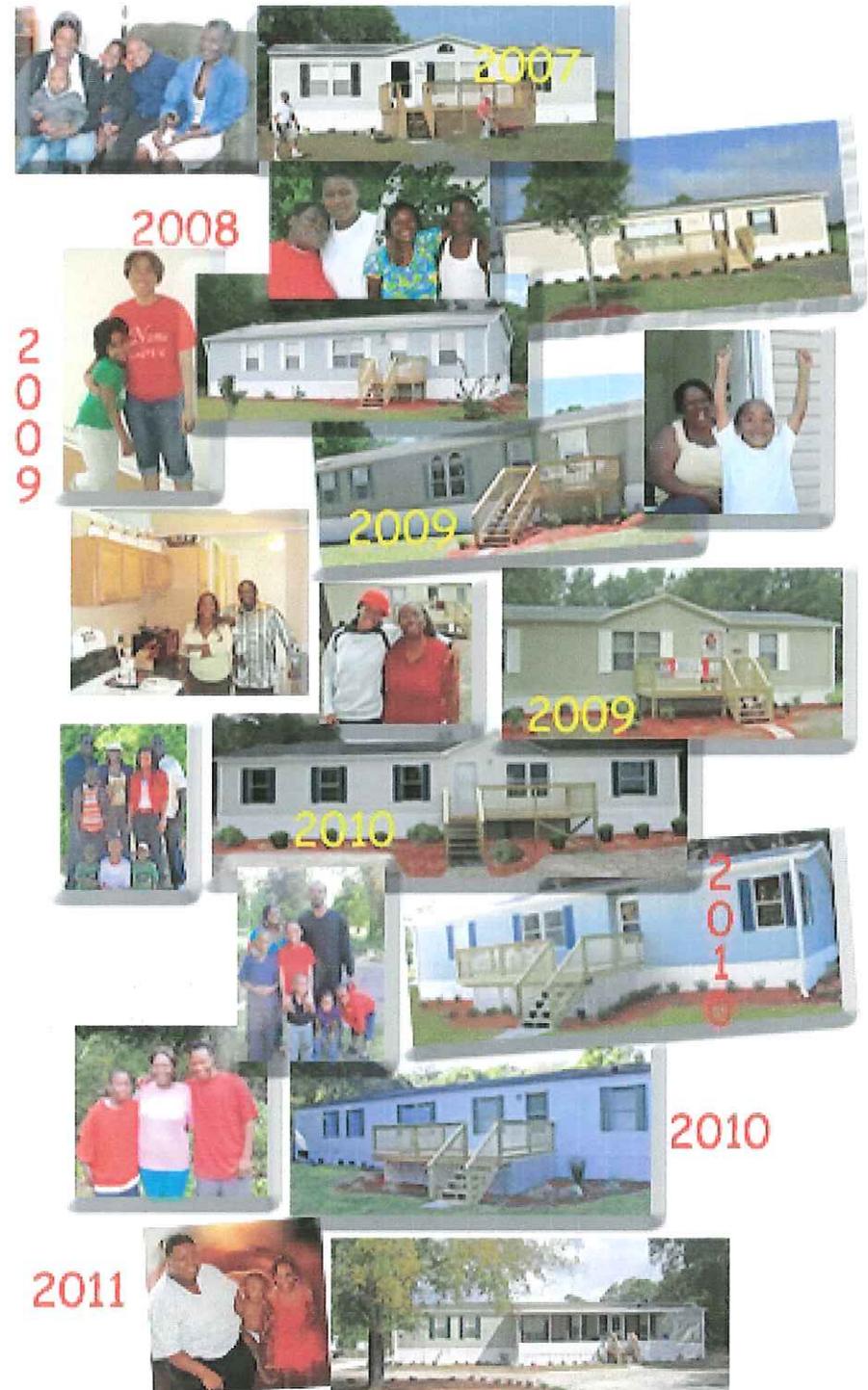
Video - Family Project

Presentation of Keys - Gene Barton

Prayer

Please join us for a brief reception immediately following the dedication and then help welcome Mia's family into their beautiful new home.

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3470 Woodridge Drive  
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By sharing God's love,  
"Helping Hands" ministry  
is blessed to

Celebrate and Dedicate

a new beginning for  
Nicole Dixon's family



Sunday, December ~~11~~<sup>18</sup>, 3 p.m.  
at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church  
390 CR 462, Wildwood

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