A Heartfelt Impact

“I’m here because a woman named Kim prayed.” That’s how one of the first meetings of a group supporting the Impact Mission Camps effort in Chesterfield began. The speaker was the pastor at Grace Alive Ministries—a new church in the Route 1 corridor of Chesterfield that is working with anyone who will work with them to offer hope to the people of the community. There has been a group of women, including Kim, in that community praying for years that God will restore the community. Grace Alive is part of God’s answer in that community, and Impact is another part.

At its core, Impact is a construction mission camp that makes repairs to owner-occupied homes, ensuring that the homeowners will be safe, warm, and dry. But Impact is working to expand into much more—making a five-year commitment to the communities it serves, working with and bringing together a variety of people in churches, non-profits, local government, and local business to develop ongoing ministry that churches can be part of year-round.

Please pray for the communities where Impact serves—that they will find new ways to serve and grow together. Pray that they will develop the resources and relationships they need in order to create the kind of community that helps people see themselves as God’s beloved children. Pray for them so that one day people who serve through Impact and the ministries that grow out of it can say, “I’m here because people in BGAV churches prayed.”

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