



What is the Jericho Road Project?

The Jericho Road Project is a home repair outreach of the Victory In Progress (VIP) Student Ministries of White Clay Creek Church in Newark, Delaware. Our primary goal is to involve young people in the needs of their community, giving them an opportunity to serve Christ through serving others. Through volunteers and local young people, we provide free volunteer home repair services to in-need families who live in northern Delaware and the surrounding areas. We have work retreats where young people in our community give up a weekend out of their summer to work with trained adults to give their time and energy to help those in need.

How did the Jericho Road Project get started?

For the last several years we have taken groups all over the country and even to other parts of the world to help the poor, the elderly, the disabled, and the disadvantaged in those communities. Within the last few years, however, we have started to develop a heart for the community we live in every day. We have seen that there are needs in the community here just as real as the ones we saw when we traveled all over the country, and that we have the ability to address these needs and serve in a significant way right home in our community. That passion has recently become the Jericho Road Project.

What does the name mean?

We named the project after a story Jesus tells in the Bible about a man who is attacked by robbers and left for dead. A few people come and see him, and they pass by without helping him, but then a man comes along who is a Samaritan, a man of a different race and culture. He is part of a group who would usually despise the man because of their differences, but instead of hatred or neglect, the Samaritan's response was one of compassion—he stopped and took care of the man who was in need. All of this happened on the road to a city called Jericho. We named the project after this story with hopes that we could reach across racial, social, and cultural lines to share Christ's love with those in need.

What kind of work does the Jericho Road Project do?

Our teams are not professional contractors. Most of the workers on our sites are junior high age students who work under close adult supervision. There is at least one skilled adult leader with each group of teenagers at all times. Even so, we aim to provide quality work to everyone we serve. Our teams can do most kinds of home-repair projects, including carpentry, dry-wall, roofing, painting, and plumbing work. Rest assured that every project we do is done with excellence.

Who does the work?

Although there is an adult on site, we make a point to have the young people do the majority of the work at the homes we work on. Adults have volunteered to help teach them what to do, how to complete the project they're working on, and how to use the tools they need. We have been continually impressed with the quality of work our students have been able to do at such a young age.

How can I help?

All of our materials and supplies are donated by private donors and business sponsors. You can help by donating either money, materials, or supplies to the project. If you would like to make a donation to the project, either a money donation or an in-kind donation of supplies or materials, we would be honored to speak with you about it. Please give us a call at 302-737-2100 or email JerichoRoad@wccpc.org. All donations are tax-deductible, and we can send you a receipt.

Another way you can help is if you would like to volunteer to work on a crew with us for the weekend. If that's something you would like to do, please give us a call and we can send you a volunteer application.