



## God is in this Story

So much has been written about the power and art of storytelling. Nothing is more memorable than a good story. When a story captures our attention and engages us, we're far more likely to absorb its message and meaning than if the same message were presented through just facts and figures. Every story, every struggle, and every journey is an opportunity to say, "God is in this!" Whether we realize it or not, God is involved in every story. The Bible reminds us: "All things were made through Him, and without Him, was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3). The phrase "all things" isn't limited to physical objects—it includes our situations and circumstances as well. Yet how often do we miss God's role in all of our "things"?

The Bible teaches us that we are called to share with others what God has done in our lives. This is our testimony. Some believe that Christians should not vocalize their testimony, but rather live it out through their actions. But this is not an either-or proposition. Living the gospel message is essential, but it is no more

important than our verbal testimony, since God has chosen "hearing" as the means to produce faith (Romans 10:17).

Sharing personal experiences of God's work in our lives makes faith tangible. It allows others to see God's love and power at work in the real world, builds community by connecting people through shared experiences, and ultimately gives glory to God by showcasing His faithfulness and impact in our lives.

This year, Good Works is focusing on sharing God stories. What's yours? Consider sharing your God story at: [www.goodworksinc.org/hope](http://www.goodworksinc.org/hope).



**GOOD  
WORKS  
2024**

**GOD IS  
IN THIS  
STORY**



**50  
HOMES  
COMPLETED**



**9,095  
FAITH  
TOUCHES**

**195  
FAMILIES  
ASSISTED**



**27  
DECISIONS  
FOR CHRIST**



## Celebration Dinner

The Good Works Annual Celebration Dinner was a tremendous time of sharing God Stories amongst homeowners, staff, volunteers and friends at the Downingtown Country Club on March 16th, 2025.



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# Under the Shadow of Our Steeple

Prolific songwriter and lead singer Mark Hall of the popular Christian band Casting Crowns penned a powerful song titled “Does Anybody Hear Her?” The lyrics poignantly remind us: “Under the shadow of our steeple, with all the lost and lonely people, searching for the hope that’s tucked away in you and me.”

“Lost and lonely people.” What a painful reminder of the reality that, within a few miles of most churches, there are individuals and families struggling to survive. Some live in houses that are unfit for habitation, while others watch their homes degrade because they can’t afford necessary repairs. Many struggle with insufficient income to cover even basic living expenses, and few see any way out of their situation. These are people from whom poverty has stolen a precious commodity: hope. To paraphrase the song’s continued lyrics: “Does anybody hear them? Does anybody see?”

Thankfully, the staff and volunteers of Good Works do hear them—and they do see. But they do even more. They become the hands and feet of Christ. Each year, about 1,200 volunteers donate their time, talent, and treasure to transform lives by repairing homes for low-income families and sharing the hope found in Jesus Christ. It’s a mission that uniquely combines works and faith. As one homeowner shared: “Good Works helped us to stay in our home because of the wonderful people who gave their Saturdays to come work in our home to make it warm, dry and comfortable. If not for Good Works, we would have had to move out. Good Works has strengthened my relationship with God and my trust in Him.”

Our home repair mission attracts volunteers with a broad range of skills—from professional contractors to DIY enthusiasts, or simply people eager to



*Bringing light to people living in the shadow of our steeple.*

learn new skills. Our ministry mission attracts those who want to serve as faith ambassadors. They attend to the relational, emotional, and spiritual needs of homeowners, their families, volunteers, and others that God places in their paths on a workday.

According to a recent survey, there are about 200 churches in Chester County, PA, and only 18 of them are a Good Works Partner Church. Partner Churches form the foundation of our volunteer base. A traditional Partner Church commits to repairing a home from start to finish, with members of their congregation working

alongside Good Works staff. Church volunteers invest one Saturday each month, while Good Works provides all necessary tools, building materials, and guidance. We are actively seeking to grow our family of Partner Churches this year.

We recognize that churches have a variety of mission opportunities, and repairing homes for low-income families may or may not align with their outreach priorities. However, the ministry mission of Good Works should be relevant to every Bible-believing Christian church. A Good Works Ambassador Partner Church is one that commits to supporting Good Works’ weekend or weekday operations by providing Faith Ambassadors or “virtual” Beyond the Workday Ambassadors who minister to families by phone. Our goal is to provide believers with access to a mission field longing for harvest where they can put the principles of faith they learn on Sunday mornings into action in their own communities.

After all, bringing light—whether physical or spiritual—to people living in the shadow of our steeple is a biblical priority for every church.

If you want to learn more about how to become a champion for Good Works in your church, check out our Partner Church resource page at: [www.goodworksinc.org/partners](http://www.goodworksinc.org/partners) or contact Deb, our Outreach Director at: [outreach@goodworksinc.org](mailto:outreach@goodworksinc.org)



## Need Prayer?

We believe in the power of prayer. If you need prayer for anything, press the prayer button on the Good Works homepage, [www.goodworksinc.org](http://www.goodworksinc.org) and our prayer warriors will lift your concerns up to God.



## Spring Work Camp

Good Works' tradition of engaging young people in service and ministry has long been realized through our Summer Work Camp program. Over the years, Work Camp has evolved, and although June and July remain the most popular months, spring has become the season of choice for Quakertown Christian School (QCS). For the past four years, QCS students have participated in Work Camp, allowing them to experience both the challenges and blessings that come from serving others.

A few comments from this year's participants speak volumes about their experiences:

*"While the work may be hard and exhausting, the reward of serving God and others is so much greater."* - Silas

*"I have seen that even just a bunch of kids can do big things for Christ."* - Aaron



*"Concrete is heavy, but it's all for the glory of God and the happiness of the homeowner!"* - Sophie

As the saying goes, "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth

for the future." It is Good Works' honor to offer the Work Camp experience, helping youth grow closer to God through service to others. If the Spring Work Camp of 2025 is any indication, the future looks bright!



## TOOL CONTEST

### Win a Good Works ball cap!

**What is the purpose of this tool?** Respond at [goodworksinc.org/toolcontest](https://goodworksinc.org/toolcontest). The winner will be drawn from all correct answers received by June 15, 2025.



## Well Done Good and Faithful Servants

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Good Works, and the men and women who lead our volunteers are nothing short of spectacular. Our workday volunteer leaders might serve as Operations or Ambassador Directors, Work Crew Leaders, Technical Advisors, Ambassadors, Material Coordinators, Lunch Providers and more. Each leader plays a significant role on their assigned workday, and Good Works' ability to repair homes and restore hope rests squarely on their shoulders. In appreciation, we recognize our leaders after completing 5 years of service and then again every 5 years afterward.

This year we recognize and thank:



Frank Kozlevcar  
5 YEARS



Bob Patrizio  
10 YEARS



Greg Saylor  
10 YEARS



Brian Gilbert  
15 YEARS



Dana Gryger  
20 YEARS



Mark King  
25 YEARS

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Good Works volunteer leader, please contact us at [volunteer@goodworksinc.org](mailto:volunteer@goodworksinc.org).

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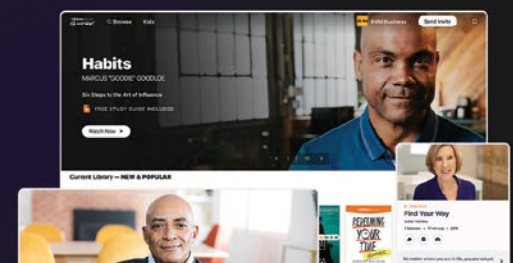
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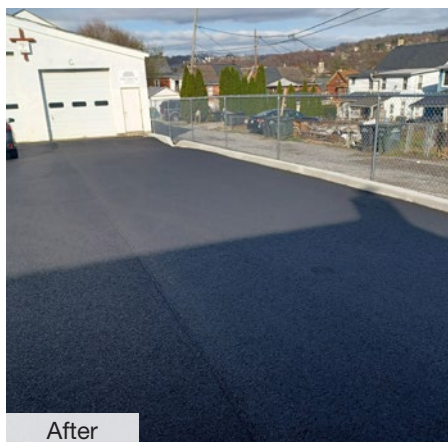


# Our New Parking Lot

It has been said that “true friendship is like the asphalt of life—it fills in the potholes and makes the journey smooth.” We’ve rekindled a long-lost friendship with our Coatesville warehouse parking lot, which was recently repaved thanks to two incredibly generous anonymous donors.



Before



After

*The Good Works Vision:  
Repairing homes and restoring hope nationwide*



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# Ways to Financially Partner With Us

*“It is more rewarding to watch money change the world than to watch it accumulate”*

Thank you for your interest in supporting our mission! Your generosity makes all the difference, and there are several ways you can contribute financially to help us continue our work.

1. One-Time Donations
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11. United Way of Chester County or United Way of Southeastern PA

No matter how you choose to contribute, your support helps us build a stronger, more sustainable future. Thank you for making a difference!



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## PARTNER SUPPORT

Some helpful information to keep in mind if you need the services of a good local business... try using a company that supports Good Works!

Visit **[goodworksinc.org](https://goodworksinc.org)** and look for companies under the “Partners” tab.