

# ACTION MATTERS

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## 10th Anniversary

### *"Step into Our Story"*

How many founding churches started ACTION?

How many churches participate with ACTION today?

How does it feel to be a guest at Christmas Shoppe?

What is it like to build a ramp for a disabled senior?



Come "Step into Our Story" on Sunday, October 4th from 5:30pm to 9:00pm at Wood Ranch Golf Club and find out. We will have an opportunity for you to walk through and experience Christmas

Shoppe and Serve Day as the one being served.

Please join us as we celebrate serving together for the past 10

years and envisioning the next 10 to make a profound impact on our community.



### *The Hands and Feet of Jesus.*



### Event Details...

#### *"Step Into Our Story"*

Sunday, October 4, 2015

5:30pm to 9:00pm

Wood Ranch Golf Club

(301 N Wood Ranch Pkwy.

Simi Valley, CA 93065)

\$90 per person

To RSVP (by 9/24) or questions call:  
(805)987-0300 or visit our website  
at [actionvc.org](http://actionvc.org)

*Be part of the ACTION!*

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## Jill's Joys

By Jill Upson, Executive Director



What happens when we "step into ACTION's story?"

My ACTION story led me from volunteering, to leading a Community Christmas Shoppe, to working full time serving those in need. What a blessing it is! Now of course that is not your story... But we all have a story, right?

My ACTION story has found me praying with Peggy, watching Patty be baptized and helping single mom Lisa move. I have also been able to connect Don's professional services with those that need it the most, ensure that eight year old

Rachel had clothes for school and toys for Christmas, plus the added joy of networking with churches, volunteers, agencies and donors! I am so grateful

to you all. Tears come to my eyes as I think of all of you and what we do together to reach our neighbors with hope... and how much more we will do in the next ten years!

I would love to hear your ACTION story! Please send me an email at [jill.upson@actionvc.org](mailto:jill.upson@actionvc.org). And I hope to see you at our 10 year celebration as we invite everyone to "Step Into Our Story."



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## ACTIONLink



ACTIONLink is a searchable directory of church ministries that serve the community. Use this directory to find resources, ideas for new ministries or to find ways to collaborate. You can find the directory on the ACTION website at [actionvc.org](http://actionvc.org). Please contact us to get your church ministry listed!



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## Serve Every Day

### Ventura Act of Kindness Day

We served at Maria's house in Oxnard in order to repair her screens. It took a while to get to her house since it was the anniversary of Mexico's independence from Spain. They were celebrating with a large parade downtown and Oxnard was jammed.



Maria is a lovely women, very gracious and so thankful for our help. She told us that her husband passed away 10 months ago and she is having a hard time dealing with her grief. We prayed that she finds comfort and strength in our Lord Jesus.

We were told that she doesn't speak English, but her English was very good and we had no problem communicating with her.

Jack did all the work with the screens, and it ended up that there were only two that needed replacing.



Blessings,  
Jack and Sandi



## Meet Jackie

Jackie Holsclaw has joined ACTION as our ACTIONLink coordinator. She has lived in Simi Valley since she moved from Wisconsin in 1986, and with her husband Gene, they raised their two kids, Nichole and Tyler who are now grown, and on their own. Jackie has attended StoneBridge Community Church in Simi Valley for over 20 years, and while she has been a Christian most of her life, it was through serving at StoneBridge that her faith grew stronger. Over the years she has been involved in many community mission projects, from Christmas Shoppe to ACTION Serve day, along with co-leading the Outreach Ministry team with Gene. She has a heart for those who don't yet know Christ, and she has learned that the relationships you build through serving is the best way to reach people in her neighborhood, and the community as well. Jackie has been taking that passion to international mission as well, where she has served in Uganda supporting the children at the Dayspring School in the village of Wanyange, and again, focusing on building relationships with the kids and the families in the village.