

# ACTION MATTERS

Area Christians Taking Initiative on Needs

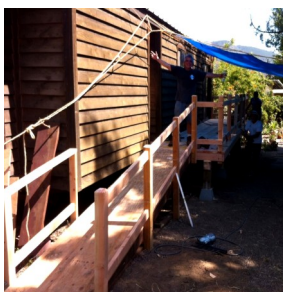
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## SERVE EVERY DAY Bridging The Gap

When people come together to achieve a common goal, it makes a project special, but when people come together under the banner of God to serve their neighbors, lives and communities are transformed. This past month a team came



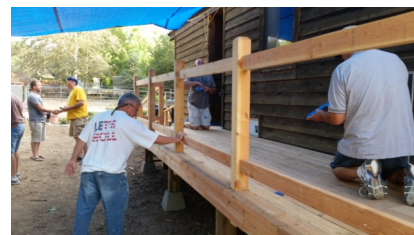
together to help a senior woman in desperate need of a handicap ramp for her home. Men from four different churches in Ventura County came out on two Saturdays and built and painted what the

leader of their group, Dave, described as “the biggest ramp they’ve built to date.” Dave and his fellow volunteers made what can only be described as a “ramp and deck combo” for the ailing woman, who in just days would be transitioning home from the rehabilitation center where she had been



receiving physical therapy and treatment for her numerous injuries. The woman’s husband, John, was thrilled with the ramp and was impressed with how quickly it had all come together. He said, “they arrived Saturday morning and by Saturday afternoon the ramp was completed, it was like a miracle!” Thanks to the willingness of several churches and many kind volunteers ACTION was able to connect these servants to a distressed senior lady who otherwise would not have been able to return to her home.

There's a certain joy that comes with watching people work together to help a person in need and there's no doubt that indeed the Lord was smiling down at these men as they spent their Saturdays building this ramp.



*Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

2 Corinthians 1:4

### Ramp Ministry Teams and funding needed!

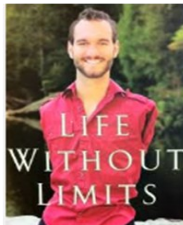
Right now ACTION has 17 ramps waiting to be built at a cost of \$500-\$800 each!

Help a person have access in and out of their home... Contact us today or donate on-line at [actionvc.org](http://actionvc.org).



## Be a part of a countywide revival!

This 3 day event will feature 2 days of Nick Vujicic speaking in the local schools about bullying and will culminate Saturday, November 8, 2014 starting in the morning with a very special service event and finish in the evening with an inspiring message from Nick Vujicic at the Ventura County Fairgrounds!



### Saturday, November 8th

Service Projects: 9AM

Fairgrounds Event: 3PM Spanish  
6PM English

To be a part of this event please contact the ACTION office at (805)987-0300 or email us at [action@actionvc.org](mailto:action@actionvc.org).

## Christmas Shoppe



Join Us as we celebrate the  
9th Annual Community  
Christmas Shoppes  
helping families in need.

At this time, all Shoppes will be held on  
December 13th

### 2014 Shoppe locations so far...

- Conejo Valley
- Disability (Countywide)
- Oxnard
- Simi Valley
- Ventura

### **Donations and volunteers needed!**

Get involved by contacting the  
ACTION office at (805)987-0300  
or [action@actionvc.org](mailto:action@actionvc.org).

## Jill's Joys

By Jill Upson, Executive Director

### Changing Lives...

It's amazing to see how God can move in people's lives and redeem us giving us all a second chance. God gives **us** the opportunity to give people a second chance too. This year we are offering a new addition to Christmas Shoppe: **Love in ACTION: Beyond Toys.** ACTION will be working with agencies to find families that are trying to get out of poverty for good. It is designed to help change a person's life by giving them a Christmas gift that is more sustainable than just the toys. Things such as a car battery or new tires so they can get to work and the kids to school, or a new refrigerator to replace the dying one, or much needed dental work for their kids, or maybe even a handicap ramp to access their home. We want to give local businesses the opportunity to show their love and caring for our neighbors and community. We have the opportunity to do big stuff here by helping families get back on their feet and stay there. What is your business or who do you know that would like to put their love into action by donating a much needed item for a family struggling to make ends meet? Give us a call and let us know... I know I appreciate my second chance!



### **Thank you to our supporters!**

When the community comes together we have the great opportunity to change someone's life. Support ACTION today with a donation as we show God's love to our neighbors in need.  
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*Let's not merely say that we  
love each other; let us show  
the truth by our actions.  
John 3:18*



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