



Happy New Year!
 We want to take some time to share with you some of the impact InsideOut had last year. Impact that was only made possible through the support of generous people like you.

When we first met Ms. Jenkins her windows were falling out and her humble mobile home was falling apart. As a deaf single mother supporting her children and maintaining her home were next to impossible. By the end of the summer she had brand new windows that actually locked, all new vinyl siding, a concrete driveway instead of a mud puddle and a new wood porch replaced the dangerous rotten wood. You can see the dramatic changes in the before and after photos.

The Robersons are an elderly couple who have been physically and financially unable to maintain their

home for several years. The Inside-Out group was able to repair a garage door that had not worked for nearly 20 years, sealed up a hole in the wall that had become an entry-way for rodents, repaired a section of roof that was caving in, remodeled a bathroom covered in mold and painted and landscaped the exterior of the home. These actions truly improved quality of life for the Robersons.

Mr. Bakota, the sweetest 90 year old you'll ever meet, was using a walker and unable to get to his mailbox until the group paved a 150 foot long sidewalk from his home to his mail-

box. The group also painted the house and cleared years worth of overgrown trees, weeds, and shrubs from the yard, making life easier for Mr. Bakota.

The Skyview Community is an under-resourced area of Lakeland where several InsideOut groups were cleaning, painting and landscaping the neighborhood. At the end of the first week three young girls from the neighborhood handed out over 70 handwritten thank-you notes to everyone working in the neighborhood. Moved to tears by the gratitude of these little girls the groups realized the impact of their service.





In 2008 we had about 170 youth participate in the InsideOut summer mission camp. Each one of these youth expressed to us a change in their hearts and a seed was sown that we hope will grow into a lifetime of volunteerism and helping those less fortunate.

We want to provide an opportunity for youth to be a part of something larger than themselves, it is our goal that after the InsideOut mission camp experience that youth will return to their churches changed, unified, and ready to spread a movement of love in their own communities. Last summer we witnessed first hand the transformation in the hearts of each participant, a transformation that was evident in their countenance, in their words and in their actions.

In addition to the work projects in the community the youth groups participate in our evening programming and morning devotions. We use music and media along with powerful messages to bring out a theme each summer. Our theme this summer was "Revolution"; loving others the revolutionary way God loves us by choosing to be a light in the darkness and bring hope to the hopeless through meeting practical needs.

Youth groups grew closer to God and to each other through the work they did together, the evening programs and their individual group time. They made bonds that will tie them together as they return to life as normal at home. We continue to receive emails from groups who have started the revolution at home by serving and helping those in need in their own communities.



We could tell you so much more, but here's what some of the youth had to say:

"When we were working, one of the women was smiling at us and it made me think. You don't have to be a super hero to save the world. You just do what you can, you do the best you can." Carl- VA

"I always thought I'd have to go to another country to help people this much...I never went through parts like this and actually paid attention to what was going on." Jessica- FL

"This week has brought more love than I ever thought I could love someone." Hollie- FL

"It was neat to see how God could use me and my abilities to build His Kingdom, make an impact and spread His love." Nick - NC

"This week was more than I expected. I've been to church camps before to grow closer to God, but this week I grew closer to God while working on the projects." Alex- FL

"It amazes me to know how much I have and how blessed I am. This has been an eye opening experience and that has moved me in so many ways." Misty- FL

"There was this 4 foot tall trash pile we cleaned up in her yard and Mrs. Roberson said to me, 'I've been praying for that mountain to be moved for a long time, and today it got moved!' and so I thought it was pretty cool how God moves mountains!" Zach - FL

These are just a few highlights of how lives were changed from the InsideOut this summer. We look forward to many more stories to come!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID TO MAKE INSIDEOUT 2008 A SUCCESS!



InsideOut is so grateful for the help you provided through your time or resources in

2008. None of these stories would have been possible without your generous giving. In 2008 we had 170 youth participate and helped 12 families. Our goal in 2009 is to triple those numbers. As we enter a new year InsideOut would like to ask you to consider how your involvement might be able to make a difference in the following areas of need:

- Summer volunteers.
- Continued funds, tools and materials donated.
- A work truck (unfortunately the truck used in 2008 is now out of commission).

All of these things will enable us to continue this mission of bringing hope to the hopeless.

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