



# BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

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Builders for Christ is a network of volunteer teams who assist with building Churches in locations which appear to be in significant need of Evangelism. Some of our Teams have been active in this Ministry for more than twenty years; the association of our Teams, focused on a coordinated effort towards a specific project, began in 1982. Seventy - Seven projects have been completed in Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, New Hampshire, Maine, Kansas, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Missouri, Louisiana, Florida, Alabama and Indiana. Our focus is New England and the upper Midwest. For most of the past 25 years, we have undertaken two projects annually. A few year we have assisted three congregations.

Our services include analytical and organizational advice to the recipient Church throughout the planning process. This includes financial planning, Capital Stewardship Campaign consultation, site analysis, and consultation on master planning, consultation on architectural and mechanical engineering design, construction systems advice, and construction material estimating. We also offer consultation to support your logistical planning for many services required as you partner with volunteers to meet their needs for food, lodging, transportation, etc. This creates a coordinated approach to receive these volunteers.

As Construction Missionaries, we offer assistance to the host Church with wood framing, electrical conduits, wiring, some of the electrical service and fixtures; HVAC ductwork and piping; roofing; drywall installation; cabinetwork; finish carpentry; door and hardware installation; data wiring; relatively light steel framing and painting. We do not have experience with heavy steel framing, load bearing masonry, or low-slope or steep slope roofing. Our experience is with very large wood-frame Church Buildings. Many of them have some steel columns and beams, or laminated wood beams. In recent years about 1,500 volunteers from over 100 Churches have networked together as partners to construct these projects as Construction Missionaries.

The host Church must pay for the land, site work, foundations, slab work, building materials, equipment, design, project development costs and for either supplemental labor, or they must complete the work themselves. Completion of the project to any extent necessary to ensure that the building quickly becomes a Tool of Ministry rests with the local Congregation. Logistical preparations and support of the volunteers is essential and significant even though each of the volunteers pays for all of our expenses to travel to the project site and for food and lodging while there for our Mission work.

Our Ministry is for God...to expand His Kingdom. Great commitment by the Host Church, as well as the individuals who make up the Builders for Christ Network, has allowed the destiny of seventy-seven Churches to be enhanced by building additional Facility Tools of their Ministries to accomplish His purposes.

*... A network of Christian Laypersons with a vision in their hearts to build churches for Congregations who are actively leading others to know Christ as Savior and Lord.*