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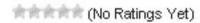
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Ramping Up

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By Jennifer Taylor

Before developing a new outreach ministry,
DaySpring Christian Church (Fort Collins,
Colorado) wisely asked community members
about their biggest needs. Although the area is
noted for an especially high incidence of multiple
sclerosis, many people using wheelchairs said
they did not have ramps to their front doors. Jim
Stroh and other DaySpring volunteers have spent
years changing that, one ramp at a time.

The team created a consortium with Volunteers of America and local resource agencies for the disabled. Using a combination of his own skills, online information, and official specifications from the Americans with Disabilities Act, Stroh developed detailed plans for the large ramps and recruited 25 men and 12 teens to work in rotating teams. The recipient purchases the wood (with the ministry often providing guidance on buying wholesale), and the volunteers provide labor and hardware.



Volunteers from DaySpring Christian Church, Fort Collins, Colorado, have been building wheelchair ramps for area residents who are in need for several years.

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Stroh's new job as the church's facilities manager leaves him little time to continue leading the work, but three retired carpenters have taken up the mission and already built dozens of new ramps.

"No one was filling this need," he says. "It was a way to contribute to the community and demonstrate the love of Christ."

Interested in trying this at your church? For a copy of Jim's design manual, e-mail him at J_Stroh@comcast.net.

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