

*Your Mission Experience with  
Rippling Hope Begins Here...*



*Volunteer Registration Packet  
Gospel in Action - Detroit*

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# RIPPLING HOPE

*Connecting Communities...Channeling Hope ...Changing Lives*

## Welcome Volunteers!

We are excited that you have said “yes” to participating with Rippling Hope in our Gospel in Action—Detroit program. The work and people you will experience will be life changing! You will make meaningful connections as you serve in local communities helping your neighbors who need minor home repairs or blight reduction measures. Rippling Hope is proud to be currently partnering with over 65 block club/neighborhood association leaders in Northwest Detroit. These connections as well as many other local partnerships help Rippling Hope offer the resources and expertise to enrich the lives of your group members and make your service experience memorable.

Whether serving with us for the day or the week, you will be helping to rebuild and revitalize one part of the city. Over the past 12+ years volunteers have worked on over 2700 homes. Requests for our services continues to grow, so there will be plenty of ways for you to serve while you are here. The service projects you will be engaging in will include any one or more of the following:

Home repairs; House Painting (interior/exterior); Garage Painting; Toilet & Faucet Replacement; Building Handicap Ramps; Porch & Step Repair/Replacement; Installation of Door Locks, Security and Storm Doors and Interior Doorknobs; Neighborhood Cleanup, Boarding up vacant homes.

We hope that this packet of information will answer some of your basic questions and help you prepare in advance for your experience. You will also find several IMPORTANT FORMS (t-shirt order, payment invoice, individual registration, and waiver & release of liability) in this packet. You may plan to bring the Waiver & Release Forms with you. Please return the other forms by the dates listed on them. We will be sending you a contact and direction sheet closer to your travel dates.

During the course of your service experience you can reach David at 313-740-8382, [denripplinghope@gmail.com](mailto:denripplinghope@gmail.com)

Please check out our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/pages/Rippling-Hope](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rippling-Hope)) and “like” us and our website ([www.ripplinghope.org](http://www.ripplinghope.org)) and invite your group participants to do the same to follow the work as it unfolds in Detroit this year.

Thank you again for saying “yes” to God’s call to service, and your partnership with Rippling Hope and our neighbors in Detroit! Your efforts will make a world of difference, and lives will be changed!

Peace,

David E Nathan  
Executive Director

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Community Center address: 12801 Joy Rd | Detroit, 48228

Mission House Address: 12612 Birwood St | Detroit, 48238

## Release & Waiver of Liability

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT THAT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS!**

THIS RELEASE & WAIVER OF LIABILITY (“Release”) is executed on this date \_\_\_\_\_, by the Volunteer & if there is a parent having legal custody and/or the legal guardian of the Volunteer (“Guardian”), in favor of Rippling Hope; its directors, officers, employees & agents (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Rippling Hope”). The Volunteer and/or Guardian desire that the Volunteer participate in volunteer work projects & the activities related to volunteer work projects in \_\_\_\_\_. The Volunteer and/or Guardian understand that the activities may include general cleanup, debris removal, repairs, travel to & from the site(s) & consuming food & inhabiting living accommodations donated for the volunteers (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Work Projects”).

The Volunteer and/or Guardian do hereby freely, voluntarily & without duress execute this Release according to the following terms:

1. **Waiver & Release.** In consideration of the Volunteer being allowed to participate in the Work Projects identified by Rippling Hope, the Volunteer and/or Guardian do hereby release & forever discharge & hold harmless Rippling Hope & its successors & assigns from any & all liability, claims, damages & demands of whatever kind of nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Volunteer's participation in the Work Project. Volunteer and/or Guardian understand that this Release discharges Rippling Hope with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death or property damage that may result from Volunteer's participation in the Work Projects. Volunteer and/or Guardian also understand that Rippling Hope does not assume any responsibility for, or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance including but not limited to medical, health or disability insurance to the Volunteer and /or Guardian.

2. **Medical Treatment.** Volunteer and/or Guardian do hereby release & forever discharge Rippling Hope from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid treatment or service rendered or not rendered in connection with the Volunteer's participation in the Work Projects or with the decision by any representative or agent of Rippling Hope, to exercise or not exercise the power to consent to medical or dental treatment as such power may be granted & authorized in the Parental Authorization for Treatment of a Minor Child.

3. **Assumption of the Risk.** The Volunteer and/or Guardian understand that the Work Projects may include activities that may be hazardous to the Volunteer & that the food, accommodations & medical facilities may be donated to Rippling Hope & that therefore the quantity, quality & suitability is beyond their control; and, therefore Volunteer and/or Guardian assume all risks associated with the Work Projects, food, accommodations & medical facilities, or the lack thereof.

4. **Insurance.** The Volunteer and/or Guardian understand that Rippling Hope does not carry or maintain health, medical or disability insurance coverage for any Volunteer. **Each Volunteer is expected & encouraged to arrive with medical or health coverage in effect.**

5. **Photographic Release.** Volunteer does hereby grant & convey unto Rippling Hope all right, title & interest in any & all photographic images & video or audio recordings made by Rippling Hope during the Volunteer's activities, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

6. **Other.** Volunteer and/or Guardian expressly agree that this Release is intended to be as broad & inclusive as permitted by applicable law. The Volunteer and/or Guardian stipulate & agree that this Release shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, the State of incorporation & the domicile of Rippling Hope, without regard to the Washington's choice of law provisions. Volunteer and/or Guardian agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise effect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Volunteer has executed this Release as of the day & year first above written.

Volunteer Signature (18 & Over) \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Signature for volunteer under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Emergency Medical Information

Participant name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Information—please lists any allergies, health problems, medications, etc. that we need to be aware of:

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Date of last tetanus: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance:

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

(Please bring a copy your health insurance card with you.)

**ADULT LEADER:  
PLEASE BRING A COPY THIS FORM FOR EACH PARTICPANT  
TO THE WORK SITE WITH YOU!**

# What to Bring

## Individual Participant Registration

(Please complete for each participant and return with your payment invoice below)

### INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT

Work Clothes - long pants  
Work Shoes  
Tennis/Casual Shoes  
Casual Clothes & Sweatshirt  
Toiletry Items  
Towels & Washcloth  
Pillow & Sleeping Bag  
Sun Block  
Sunglasses  
Devotional material to share in worship  
Bible  
Rain Gear  
Flashlight  
Recreational Items  
Games  
Shower Shoes  
Insect Repellant  
Safety Glasses (if you have them)  
Work Gloves  
Personal Tool Belt (if you have one)  
Hammer  
Tape Measure  
Speed Square  
Utility Knife

# RIPPLING HOPE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

# Payment Invoice

Due: Two Weeks Prior to Your Group's Arrival

Please Make Check Payable to: Rippling Hope

\_\_\_\_Adults and/or Youth 11 & Over @ \$299.00\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_Children age 10 & under @ \$175.00\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
for the person named above

**Mail forms and your payment to:  
Rippling Hope  
P O Box 27499  
Detroit, MI 48227**

# TYPICAL WEEKLY & DAILY SCHEDULE

**Typical Mission Week is Sunday Dinner through Saturday Breakfast**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Group arrives &amp; gets settled</b>	<b>Mid-late afternoon</b>
	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>6:00/6:30 PM</b>
	<b>Orientation</b>	<b>7:00/7:30 PM</b>
<b>Monday-Friday:</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	<b>Kitchen Clean-up/Make Lunches</b>	<b>Following Breakfast</b>
	<b>Load Work Tools</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>
	<b>Leave for Worksites</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	<b>Work (regular water breaks)</b>	<b>9:15 AM -12:15 PM</b>
	<b>Lunch (On Site)</b>	<b>12:15 – 12:45 PM</b>
	<b>Work</b>	<b>12:45 - 4:00 PM</b>
	<b>Return from Worksite</b>	<b>4:00 - 4:30 PM</b>
	<b>Unload Work Tools – Clean-up/ Showers &amp; Free time</b>	<b>4:30 - 6:00 PM</b>
	<b>Dinner &amp; Kitchen Clean-up</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 PM</b>
	<b>Debrief From the Day</b>	<b>7:00 – 7:30 PM</b>
	<b>Group Free Time/Devotions/Activities</b>	<b>7:30 – 10:30 PM</b>
	<b>Lights Out</b>	<b>10:30 PM</b>



# T-SHIRT ORDER FORM



Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Sizes				Adult Sizes						
10/12	14/16	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	Other		

**RETURN TO: Rippling Hope, P.O. Box 27499, Detroit, MI 48227 | EMAIL TO:**

**denripplinghope@gmail.com**

# HOME REPAIR PROJECT SAFETY PROTOCOLS

## **VOLUNTEERS**

- Each volunteer team will be provided with hand sanitizer to be used frequently throughout the workday
- Sanitizing wipes will be used to wipe down all tools after use
- When using the bathroom at a homeowner's house, volunteers will be asked to wash hands, dry with paper towels, wipe down toilet and faucet after use. Sanitizing wipes, hand soap and paper towels will be provided.

## **HOMEOWNERS**

- Homeowner must be present for work
- We are asking that bathroom access be provided to volunteers working at their home. Prior to volunteers arriving we ask homeowner to clean the bathroom and have everything sanitized.
- Rippling Hope will bring sanitizing wipes to be used by volunteers to wipe down toilet, faucet and sink after use and paper towels to dry their hands.

# Tips for a Quality Mission/Service Experience

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## \*SASA- Service, Awareness, Safety, Adaptability

### Service:

Each of us are called by God to lives of faith lived out in service to and with others. All that we do as people of faith ought to reflect this spirit of God that calls us (our attitudes, willingness to work, ways we interact with each other, and all those we encounter) . You will be part of a unique community that is coming together to say "yes" to this call in your lives. We give thanks to God for calling this group of people, currently, and in this special place, as we work together to reach out and serve with our neighbors in need. In so doing, we give witness to the love of God.

### Awareness:

**Always remember that you are guests and servants.** Thinking about how guests act when they visit someone's home, is helpful as you enter someone else's "home." Your attitude of servanthood is also helpful as you work together with your hosts. Try to serve "with" and not "for" your hosts.

#### **Be aware of those we have come to serve and serve with:**

Take time to meet and talk with family (if they are available) , at the beginning and end of each workday.

Keep reactions to yourself that might hurt or insult the family and/or community members, "Who picked that paint color?", is an example.

ALWAYS ask permission before taking a picture. To ensure sensitivity to the families we serve, the use of video cameras should be strictly prohibited. The same is true of the community you are working in. Be aware that in any community there may be people who, for a variety of reasons, DO NOT wish for their picture to be taken and shared anywhere.

SPACE---be sure to be aware of whose space you are in... does someone own the property you are walking across, eating lunch in, or parking your vehicles in front of? CULTURAL NORMS---be aware of how you act and dress in public, and how you will be viewed by those who live there. Be sensitive to the family's need for space and privacy.

**Expect to meet a host of saints.** One of the most rewarding benefits you'll experience is that you will meet saints in the organizations, churches, and communities where you are involved. Watch for them, learn from them, and experience the holy in them. Your life will be enriched from your encounters with these folk.

**Plan to provide your own transportation.** Be aware that even if an organization has a van, it's likely for a reason. If they are using it to transport you around for a week, it is not likely being used as it might be needed. Be sensitive to their need to use their transportation for their activities.

## **Safety:**

We always stress safety as number one! Talk about how important it is to be safe in all situations. This especially needs to be stressed with skilled workers you may have on your team who are not used to working with unskilled volunteers. They need to always think safety.

- ***The most necessary tool*** – your brain
- ***The most important tool*** – patience
- ***Be aware of people around you*** – others are working all around you...remember the lumber you're carrying has two ends!
- ***Keep work areas clean*** – help put away tools and supplies at the end of the day
- ***Ask for help*** – if you are uncomfortable performing a task or just have a question, ask for help
- ***Be aware of trip hazards*** – cords, lumber, bolts on slab...keep yourself and others safe
- ***Wear appropriate clothing*** – no open-toed shoes/sandals/heels
- ***Wear safety gear*** – goggles, masks, and gloves will always be available when needed
- ***Lift with your legs and not with your back***
- ***Take breaks and drink lots of fluids*** – water, sport drinks, etc...accidents occur more often when you're tired
- ***Be aware of first aid supplies*** – be sure to know where first aid kits are located and ask if you need help
- ***Never leave nails sticking out of wood*** – don't bend them over, take them all the way out
- ***Only operate power tools that you know how to use*** – we'd be happy to teach you to safely use any tool
- ***Only operate power tools that are in safe, good working order*** – be aware of frayed cords and removed or broken safety guards
- ***Place ladders on even ground*** – please don't use blocks to level a ladder...dig out the ground for a firm base
- ***Be sure ladders are fully extended*** – the ladder is at the correct angle if your fingers can just touch a rung with your feet at the base
- ***Never stand on the top of a ladder*** – stop and get a bigger ladder for your safety and the safety of those below
- ***Be careful on a roof*** – surfaces can be slippery when wet or dusty, always secure materials

## **Adaptability:**

We have learned over the years that although we all do great planning and preparing for experiences like your mission/service experience, that sometimes there are little bumps in the road or little hiccups along the way. We remember that we are called to God's service, and we are operating on God's time. We all must practice the virtue of **adaptability**. Sometimes we will be diverted from our planned tasks to take on another task. Sometimes the paint, or lumber, or supplies won't be there when we arrive at a work site. **We try to practice abundant grace and enthusiastic adaptability in all that we do!**

**Always remember that you are guests and servants.** Thinking about how guests act when they visit someone's home, is helpful as you enter into someone else's "home." Your attitude of servanthood is also helpful as you work together with your hosts. Try to serve "with" and not "for" your hosts.

**Don't expect a "sense of completion."** I can best explain this by sharing with you a quote from someone charged with planning work trips for groups coming to her organization. "They want a sense of completion after their three days of work. I go home every day and never feel a sense of completion. Why do I have to orchestrate one for them?" I think this is a fair question. Part of the power of the trip will be the realization that there is still much to be done to right the wrongs in this world . . . and your work helped along the journey. **BE ADAPTABLE!**

**Be sensitive to overworked staff.** Unless there is a specific person whose job description is to host work groups, you will likely be hosted by someone who usually does something else. As much as possible, be independent in your work once you get started. And be aware that the life and ministry of the organization does not stop when you arrive!

**Remember there is more than "work" to be done.** Work with the host to expose your group to the culture and people of the community. If team members simply went to the work site and worked without experiencing the area or its people, they would leave without a real sense of the church and community *and* their needs. Plans should include opportunities to be involved with the locals in activities, tour places of historical or cultural significance, etc. **BE ADAPTABLE!**

**Schedule the itinerary with input from the hosts, balancing that with the needs and interests of the group.** The hosts may have many good ideas for ways your team can spend its time, but you need to be sure your team has time for reflection and worship, rest, and free time. You know your group best and your hosts know the area and culture. Work together to ensure the best possible experience for all concerned. **BE ADAPTABLE!**

**If possible, bring money to help pay for supplies.** Having materials on hand for every work group cost a lot of money that many organizations do not have. Some of the most welcome words they can hear are "we'll have the money to buy the supplies or help with supplies!"

**Be creative with coming up with work that will help.** If they haven't got enough for your group to do, look around and offer to do something more. Jobs that need little or no supervision by their staff are best. **BE ADAPTABLE!**

### **BE ADAPTABLE!**

Did we mention **ADAPTABILITY**? Make plans... do your homework... and be prepared to have everything change before your very eyes! It's OK! You are there because you were sent there. And you will do God's work even if it's not exactly as you planned. Your spirit of adaptability & joy as you do it will bring hope & renewal to those who toil there every day. And THAT is more important than all else... that you & your group become Bearers of Hope.

