

WORLD CHANGERS

June 25 – July 2, 2005

Chesapeake
VIRGINIA

What is World Changers?

World Changers is a ministry of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Its focus is to provide missions education and involvement for youth of junior high and high school age.

The strategy World Changers uses is home rehabilitation. The World Changers organization creates partnerships with local governments and other agencies to assist those in need of certain types of home repairs. Youth from around the country, along with adult leaders, come to Norfolk for a week, working on homes in crews of ten to fifteen people. Related adult projects may be shorter, from one to three days.

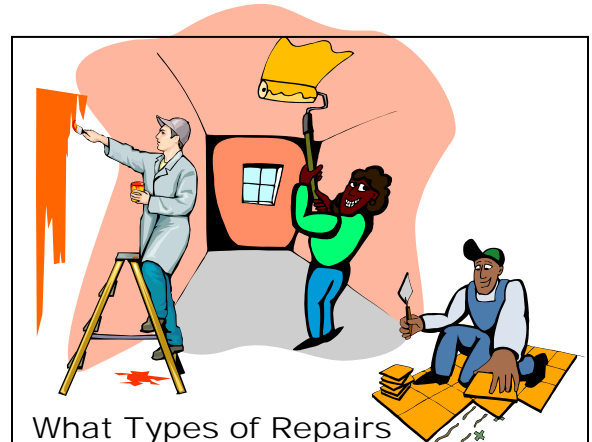
How Do I Qualify to Have my Home Worked On?

In Chesapeake, the following qualifications have been determined:

- You must own your home and live in it.
- Your household income must be less than 80% of the area median income (55,900 for a household of four).
- Property taxes must be up-to-date.
- Duplexes will be considered if the owner lives in one side. No other multi-unit dwellings will be considered.

Location

House must be located in the South Norfolk community. World Changers neighborhood rehabilitation projects normally occur in an area of the community where there is housing deterioration and revitalization is underway. In Chesapeake, a similar focus area is South Norfolk.



What Types of Repairs Will World Changers Do?

There are no hard and fast rules. For the most part, roof replacements (limited height), handicapped ramps, porch repairs, floor and wall repairs, painting (interior and exterior), some window replacements, and other carpentry work are what they do best. World Changers usually exclude plumbing or electrical work from consideration. Once an applicant has been prescreened for eligibility, the home is evaluated on an individual basis by World Changers for suitability.

Accordingly, the homeowner may be referred to other appropriate agencies for additional assistance.

What has World Changers Accomplished?

Started in 1990, World Changers has seen more than 115,000 participants repair 7,500 homes in 375 communities in the United States and around the world.

Application due:

January 31, 2005

Contact:

The City of Chesapeake is the sponsoring agency for the 2005 Chesapeake World Changers project. Call Theo McClammy, Neighborhood Services Coordinator at (757) 382-6990.