

Scott and Chris were married in 1979 and have one daughter. They both have a long history of service related volunteer work that started in their high school years, from conservation work for Save Our Streams to reconstruction and mission work in Appalachia and Mexico, They became youth group leaders and Sunday school teachers, and camp counselors at a regional level for First Christian Church in WY and Colorado. In 1983 they became foster parents and then the first certified parent therapists under a Wyoming State pilot project dealing with high risk teens. Over a 7 year period they fostered 20 children. In 2001 they quit their jobs to volunteer for two years and participate in a variety of international projects in Fiji, Samoa, New Zealand, Kosovo, Estonia, Vietnam, and Cambodia. This process encouraged and motivated them to form Trailblazer Foundation, a 501c3 public charity. They discovered through their experiences that a grassroots approach which empowered people by using hands-on participatory practices was the most effective way to ensure success and sustainability of any project. Trailblazer is the sum of their work and is effectively implementing village level, bottom-up projects in Cambodia.