

## SUMMER 2015 SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MISSION TRIP

# Maxwelton, West Virginia

West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Work Camps, West Virginia Presbytery

**WEEK OF AUGUST 9 - 15, 2015**

### INFORMATION SHEET FOR YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILY

#### TIMELINE

Sunday, March 1 at 9:45am ... Mission Trip Meeting with Parents in Social Hall

April 17-18 Mission Overnight and workday ... 7pm to 7pm

Wednesday, May 13 ... Mission Trip Permission Form and \$25 deposit due to Sara (Scholarship Forms due, if applicable)

Wednesday, May 20 ... 5-7pm Mission Trip Planning Meeting - when we will plan what to do on our free evening, design group T.shirts, and plan meals for the week!

Saturday, June 13 Car Wash at Vento's ... meet at 9:00am at ELPC

Sunday, July 5 ... Commissioning during 10 am worship and Mission Trip Meeting and lunch after worship in Parlor

Sunday, August 9 - Saturday, August 15, 2014... Mission Trip

Sunday, August 23 – Present trip to congregation and families at 10am worship service

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR GOING ON MISSION TRIP

\*Three service projects at or through ELPC.

\*Attend and participate in all mission timeline events listed above, such as Mission Weekend on April 17-18, mission meetings including parent's meeting, car wash fundraiser, and post-trip mission presentation on August 24.

\*Submit completed Permission Form and \$25 deposit by May 13. Deposit required, but scholarships available to assist with the remaining cost of the trip.

#### FINANCIAL DETAILS

\*The total cost of our trip is \$250.00 per person. Your \$25 deposit is included in this total therefore the difference equals \$225.00. (ELPC pays many additional costs per person, please know that the cost to families is lower than the actual trip cost per person.)

\*SCHOLARSHIPS are available! Money should not be a determining factor for you to not join us on the mission trip. If you are in need of financial assistance please fill out a scholarship form and submit it to Sara Hackett by May 13.

#### QUESTIONS

Sara Hackett will be leading the trip and will be the main contact for your planning and paperwork/deposit submissions. You can reach her at SaraH@coh.net or 412-673-2926.

## MISSION of WVMAW

*is to offer the opportunity for discipleship by partnering with those in need whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters or by the disaster of poverty in areas of West Virginia.*



Since **October 2001**, we have brought 40-80 volunteer groups per year to work in West Virginia. Their work has consisted of home repair and reconstruction, deconstruction, playground restoration, parks cleanup, stream bank stabilization, and vacation Bible schools, among other things.

We are supported in part by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Synod of the Trinity and The Presbytery of West Virginia as well as churches and individual donations. The groups we recruit come from churches of various faith traditions, as well as from colleges and universities.

Our housing locations around WV are all associated with local churches, and each has shower facilities and fully-equipped kitchens. Often there is interaction with the local congregations, including worship, Bible Schools, conversations, and cookouts.

## Testimonials

“Putting the final screw on the ramp was definitely the highlight of the week. The sense of accomplishment was awesome!”

“I just loved praying together with the site supervisor, the family, and their friends. It put it all in perspective to hold hands and feel the love of God in the house we were working in. The animals were in the room too, everyone who went through the disaster; we could feel the power of God’s children helping God’s children. We all will never forget that moment and this experience.”

“I think the best part of the week would have been seeing the smiles on the family’s faces when we got there every morning. It made it all worthwhile.”

“Building the ramp wasn’t my favorite part. I had gone inside and the woman living there was so excited to see me working there. We had a conversation about the work we were doing, her grandkids, my family and just about everything else. It was awesome to be able to interact with people who lived here. Not just building things for them but just talking to them you can see how happy it made them.”