



**Campbell County, Tennessee
June 26-July 3, 2010**

*The **Appalachia Service Project** is a ministry started in 1969 by Rev. Glen Evans, a United Methodist pastor, who saw a great need for home repair assistance while he was working in Kentucky. Since that time, more than 260,000 volunteers from across the country have repaired 14,000 homes, and in the process, Appalachian families, volunteers, and ASP staff have been immeasurably blessed.*

To this day, ASP's goal remains unchanged: to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need. Yet anyone who takes part in this program will tell you that the benefits of participating go far beyond the help one provides.

Good Shepherd supported twelve youth and adults who traveled to LaFollete, Tennessee for this summer's project. We shared our center with at least ten other crews who came from churches in Maryland and Louisiana. You will note that our crews had odd names. They reflected the obnoxious campaign signs posted all over the streets of Campbell County. The ASP staff thought it would be amusing to call each crew by the name of a position being campaigned for.

During the work week, the "Jailers" improved the family home of an older couple by installing most of a new tin roof, and also built a set of front steps that included a concrete pad. The "Coroners" worked for a single mother with two small children. They were instrumental in removing a dangerous electrical hazard from the home site, and built the structure for the roof of a porch that was added to her trailer.

I want to thank all the Good Shepherd crew members for their hard work and dedication. As most of you know, we begin our mission well in advance of the actual project, with months of fundraising efforts. We are so grateful to all of you for your generous donations, your patronage of our events, and for your prayers for our safety and success. Without these, there would be no mission experience. Please take a few moments to read some of the comments of our crew members, and acknowledge the help so many people have offered us.

*In Faith and Love,
Bev Schultz, Mission Coordinator*

This week has helped me appreciate how much God has really blessed me, and I see how much I really have!

Kevin Sefl

It's hard to imagine that just by being yourself, you can completely change a person's life, but that's what happened this week at ASP. Simply by caring for the homeowner, playing with her kids, and helping her with small things (opening a stroller for example) we have begun to restore her faith in people, and perhaps eventually God.

Leah Neczypor

We ran into many problems, but God helped us solve them.

Matt Faykus

Martin (the homeowner) is shy. We've heard he plays guitar. Cecil has so many stories. These people have so little to get by, yet they're so happy. Brownie, their dog, is a constant companion. He's so sweet. He's part Lab, which makes him very loving. They don't have much, and yet Cecil and Martin try to keep Brownie happy. How great a show of friendship is that? Their house wasn't looking good, and it made me glad for what I have.

Jessica Robb

(One night we did an activity where we learned facts about the people of Appalachia.) The fact that 50% never make it out of Appalachia makes me sad. Xavier and Miranda may never make a life outside of here. They are such sweet children, but this is no life for them, and I so much want for them to go to college and be the ones to get jobs out of state. How I love that family! But I know that God will be with them, and He will guide them to something greater.

Megan Faykus

I was humbled by this experience. My roots are in Appalachia, and I know that life there can be hard, that there are limited opportunities, and a cycle of poverty that many don't escape.

Our younger crew members got lots of hands-on experience in construction: measuring, using power tools, hammers, nails, and lots of heavy lifting... They showed incredible patience, tenacity, responsibility, and maturity beyond their years.

Eric Faykus

Our Grateful Appreciation is Extended to

Crew 1: Jailers

Gary Robb
Tom Schultz
Kevin Sefl
Matthew Whited
Jessica Robb
Bev Schultz

Crew 2: Coroners

Eric Faykus
Ken Neczypor
Leah Neczypor
Matthew Faykus
Megan Faykus
Victoria Whited

Our Fundraiser Organizers

Plant Sale: Victoria Whited and Connie Norsic

Letter Writing Campaign: Bev Schultz

Auction: Megan Faykus and Leah Neczypor

Yankee Candle Sale: Jennifer Whited Sefl

Helper-for-a-Day: Bev Schultz

Quarter Tubes: Megan Faykus

Calendar Sale: Bev Schultz

A special thank-you goes out to all of our dedicated workers, and all who attended or patronized our events! We are grateful for all your generous donations for our auction!

Our Patrons

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Gene and Kim Scalf
The GSUMC Bowling League

Our Donors

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Jerry Lee Faykus

A very special thank-you to:

- Connie Norsic for updating and organizing our first aid kits
- Tom Schultz for being our devotions and prayer leader
- Olive Branch United Methodist Church of Oregonia, Ohio for their kind hospitality
- The staff at our ASP center: Ben, Maddie, Hannah, and Nancy
- Barb Chandler for keeping track of records, correspondence, and money

ASP Awards

The Good Shepherd *Eric Faykus*
The Rooster *Matthew Whited*
The Heart *Megan Faykus*
The Big Fat Hissee Fit *You will be happy to know that no one received it!*

(sing to the tune: We Will, We Will, Rock You)

*Hello we are Good Shepherd from Ohio
We're here to serve and feel God's Grace
We'll get mud on our face, and keep up the pace
Swinging our hammers all over the place*

*Singin' we are, we are shepherds.
We are, we are Good Shepherd.*

*Our church is pretty small, but not as small as Olive Branch.
We have an awesome Praise Band
That we love
So let's sing out praise
For the rest of our days
Longing for a sandwich with may-o-nnaise.*

*Singin' we are, we are shepherds!
We are, we are GOOD SHEPHERD!*

Lyrics by Enterprise

