

Appalachian Coalfields Ministry Project Request List -2025

Baptists on Mission

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL / BYBC

- AC25-001** **Vacation Bible School** Beckley, WV
- A team is needed to lead in a three day Vacation Bible School for the community. Church has some who will be eager to work with the team in conducting this ministry. Team will canvass the area and prayer walk just prior to the event (as a reminder). Will need those to lead in Bible Story, recreation, crafts, music, and snacks. Church may decide to do a meal each night as well. Host church will provide needed materials. Requestor will talk with team leader about lodging options, including sleeping in the church, local hotels and Air BnB. Church has large kitchen that team can use for their food prep **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.
- Length of assignment: 4-6 Days
Preferred Dates: Summer 2025
Costs: Travel to West Virginia, food, possible lodging
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- AC25-002** **Vacation Bible School & BYBC** Mount Storm, WV
- A team is needed to conduct an outdoor Backyard Bible Club during the day in a park, and a Vacation Bible School in the evening in church in a different location. Will need those to lead in Bible Story, recreation, crafts, music, and snacks. . Team may be asked to help with VBS and ministry supplies. Lodging can be found at the church, which has two showers and a kitchen for the team to prepare their meals in - or at local motels. Team may need to bring some kitchen utensils, as church kitchen is somewhat limited **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this. **[Could be combined with AC25-003 – install water line and bathroom build if interested]**
- Length of assignment: 4-6 Days
Preferred Dates: July 14-17, 2025 preferred, but negotiable
Costs: Travel to WV, food, some VBS materials
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- AC25-036** **Vacation Bible School** Copperhill, TN
- A team of 10-15 is needed to help them lead a Vacation Bible School for children and youth Sunday evening through Wednesday evening. This would include indoor and outdoor activities. Will need those on the team for all manner of activities including Bible story, recreation, music, crafts, snacks, etc. Team will be asked to provide VBS materials. Requestor will talk with team leader about curriculum used and local lodging options, including hotels, cabin rentals, and Airbnb. Team is responsible for meals, but can use church kitchen **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this. **[Team can possibly combine this with any number of projects listed as “Copperhill TN” if desired]**
- Length of assignment: 4-6 Days
Preferred Dates: Summer 2025
Costs: Travel to Tennessee, food, lodging, VBS supplies

OUTREACH MINISTRIES (VARIETY)

AC25-004

Campground and Resort Ministries

Bryson City, NC

Teams are needed to do a variety of outreach to engage vacationers and locals with the Gospel message in a resort area of the state. This could include campground VBS, fun family evening programs, family worship services, SACK (special activities for camping kids), and conversational evangelism at local festivals, flea market, and vendor fairs. Need those who love people and sharing the gospel. Team will need to bring some materials such as Bibles and tracts to be used during the week, as well as any VBS or similar supplies. A local campground has a variety of different housing options. Many other housing options are available including AirBnB, hotels, etc. Requestor will talk with team leader about lodging and meal options for the team. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 4-7 days

Preferred Dates: Summer 2025

Costs: Travel to Western NC, food, lodging, ministry supplies

AC25-005

VBS/Evangelism/Construction/Distributions

Rogersville, TN

Teams of volunteers are needed throughout the year to work with ministry center in conducting a variety of ministries. Assignments may include: VBS, Backyard Bible Clubs, food and clothes sorting and distribution at thrift store, acts of kindness projects, free haircuts, carwashes, and/or a wide variety of home repairs. Repair projects vary from decks, porches, inside floors and VBS. Flexible schedules are welcome - everything from one day to a weekend to week long teams. Ministry strives to provide any building materials, but any help the team might want to contribute would be appreciated. Requestor will work with team leader in matching team's skills and interests with assignments. There are several options for lodging and meal prep. Requestor will work with team leader in answering those questions. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 2-6 Days

Preferred Dates: January - December 2025

Costs: Travel to Tennessee, food, possible lodging costs

AC25-006

Lord's Café and Other Outreach

Stearns, KY

A team of volunteers is needed to serve in a free restaurant that has served as an outreach to the community for many years in one of the poorest counties in Appalachia. Team would perform morning set up at the café including cooking, general upkeep and cleaning. Lunch includes greeting and seating of guests, plating of food, serving, praying with guests and sharing the gospel. After lunch team will clean up and prep for the next day. Need those who love people, are willing to engage them in conversation, and openly pray with them. Team can also work with requestor to possibly do other outreach during the week, such as clothing, hygiene, and grocery giveaways, etc. There is also an option for hair/nail salon for skilled volunteers. Housing options include a motel adjacent to the facility, a nearby campground, and several Airbnb's. Requestor can walk team leader through options. Team is responsible for breakfast and supper meals. Team will have access to the facility for those meals and team times. Team is encouraged to eat lunch with the community and participate in "Taco About Jesus". **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from NCBM concerning options for this. **(Project can be combined with AC23-006– Tiny Homes Community Construction)**

Length of assignment: 4-7 Days

Preferred Dates: January – December 2025

Costs: Travel to KY, lodging, some team food and ministry supplies

AC25-030

One-Day VBS/Family Fun Day

Copperhill, TN

Teams are needed throughout the Spring and Summer and Fall to conduct one day (Saturday) Vacation Bible School – type day for children, youth, and adults at a local crisis center. Need those to lead in all aspects of VBS – Bible story, recreation, crafts, music and snacks. Team is asked to provide all VBS materials. Need those who are knowledgeable of the Bible and have experience working with children and teenagers. Cost to the team would need to include VBS materials and a noon meal for participants. Teams will be responsible for their own transportation and housing. Hotels and cabin rentals are available. Team is responsible for all of their meals. A small kitchen is available with a griddle and a large eating area Requestor will provide a list of options for lodging and cooking. **Note:** Teams working

with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from Baptists On Mission concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 2-3 days

Preferred Dates: March (Spring Break) Spring, Summer, and Fall 2025

Costs: Travel to TN, food, lodging, VBS materials

AC25-038

New Mother Supplies/Baby Shower/Home Repairs

Jenkins, KY

Ministry needs help from churches and teams in providing expectant mother and baby supplies – and in possibly hosting baby showers for expectant mothers in the area as an outreach. Requestor will have details on exactly what items are most needed. The ministry also often has request for teams to help with simple, to more complex, home repairs. Team can do only this if interested – or combine the two outreaches – depending on team interest and skills. Team will be responsible for their own transportation. Housing is available for teams at the center (bunkbeds and showers) or at nearby hotels. Team will need to provide their own food. There is a kitchen at the center for team to prepare meals. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 4-7 Days

Preferred Dates: January - December 2025

Costs: Travel to KY, food, project and ministry costs

AC25-039

Construction/Variety of Outreach

Lee County, VA

Teams are needed throughout the year for a variety of servant evangelism, repair, and construction projects as an outreach to the community. Projects may include roof repair, bathroom repair, replacing floors, building handicap ramps, mowing and cleaning yards, power washing structures, etc.. If team comes in the summer, other possible projects include VBS/BYBC, shoe fair, and block parties. Requestor will work out best fit for team with team leader. Donations and contributions for supplies and materials are greatly appreciated. Housing is available at Association Campus for \$15 per person/night. Teams may prepare meals in facility's kitchen. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 5-7 Days

Preferred Dates: Year Round 2025

Costs: Travel to VA, food and materials

NEEDS COLLECTION and DISTRIBUTION

AC25-031

Needs Distribution as Outreach

Copperhill, TN

Ministry Center is in need of specific supplies/items that will be given to families in need during different times of the year. Teams may choose to A) donate and send items, B) donate and deliver items to the center, or C) donate, deliver, and help distribute items to families as a witnessing opportunity. Specific items may include 1) hygiene bags which would include tissues, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, body soap, razors, shaving cream, feminine products, etc. , 2) clothing giveaways – possibly specific, such as undergarments or coats/hats, 3) buckets of cleaning supplies which would include all purpose cleaner, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, etc., 4) boxes of food which may include canned meats, canned vegetables, dry goods, and more. There could be others. Requestor will work with team leader on what specific items are most needed and when is best to bring them. Teams will be responsible for their own transportation and housing. Hotels and cabin rentals are available. Team is responsible for all of their meals. A small kitchen is available with a griddle and a large eating area Requestor will provide a list of options for lodging and cooking.

Length of assignment: 1-3 days

Preferred Dates: Various Times Throughout 2025

Costs: Travel to TN, food, lodging, donated items

AC25-032

School Supply and Children's Outreach

Copperhill, TN

Ministry Center is in need of a team to collect and distribute backpacks with school supplies. Upon delivery, team will do a one-day VBS-type event and then distribute the backpacks. Requestor will work with team leader on schedule and what events might be most effective. Teams will be responsible for their own transportation and housing. Hotels and cabin rentals are available. Team is responsible for all of their meals. A small kitchen is available with a griddle and a large eating area Requestor will provide a list of options for lodging and cooking.

Length of assignment: 2 days

Preferred Dates: Late July 2025

Costs: Travel to TN, food, lodging, backpacks and school supplies

AC25-033

Christmas Toy Distribution

Copperhill, TN

A ministry needs toys for two Christmas distribution events. The toys are for children and youth aged 2-18. Ministry sets up a room with toys on display where the children/youth may come in and choose their own gift for Christmas. Churches may choose to 1) donate and send toys, 2) donate and deliver toys to the center, or 3) donate, deliver, and help distribute toys. The price of the toys should be in the \$5-\$10 range. Team is asked to provide transportation to deliver and possible overnight stay in hotel if needed. Volunteers need to be cheerful, able to relate to children, and have evangelistic training. There will be some crowd control needed as people stand in line waiting. Contact requestor for lodging information. Kitchen with a griddle and grill are available for team to use. Dining space is available.

Note: Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 1-3 Days

Preferred Dates: December 2025

Costs: Travel to TN, lodging, team food, toys to donate

CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION/PAINTING

AC25-003

Water Line Installation and Bathroom

Mount Storm, WV

A team is needed to dig and install a 500 foot water line three feet deep. Also need to build a bathroom and connect to water lines. Host church will provide all building materials for the projects. . Lodging can be found at the church, which has two showers and a kitchen for the team to prepare their meals in - or at local motels Team may need to bring some kitchen utensils, as church kitchen is somewhat limited. **[Could be combined with AC25-002 – VBS and BYBC if interested]**

Length of assignment: 5-7 Days

Preferred Dates: Anytime 2025

Costs: Travel to WV, food

AC25-007

Home Repair Outreach/ Needs Distribution

Jefferson City, TN

Teams are needed to do a variety of ministries throughout the summer. This might involve home repair for local families in great need, including but not limited to, roofing, wheelchair ramps, painting, decks, and general cleaning. Teams may also help in sorting donated items and placing them in the appropriate area to distribute to families being served at the ministry center. Center also works with a shelter for women and children. Volunteering opportunities there may include, cooking, cleaning, organizing, teaching a life skills class, etc. Each team should have at least one "crew chief" who can take on a project and lead the others in completing the task. Need those with a willingness to serve and be flexible. Teams are responsible for their own transportation to and from the job sites. Teams will make their own lodging arrangements. Requestor can give suggestions on hotel, Airbnb, campgrounds, etc. A \$225 per person cost provides all meals and materials costs for four days of service – Monday thru Thursday. Meals are provided Monday morning through Thursday evening at the center for teams. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 4-6 Days

Preferred Dates: Summer 2025

Costs: Travel to TN, food, lodging, \$225 per person meals and materials cost

AC24-034

Home Repair Outreach

Copperhill, TN

Teams are needed for light construction, roof repairs, and general carpentry as an outreach and assistance to those in the community. This could include lawn care, gutter cleanout, and other "lighter tasks" depending on the team's skills. Requestor will work with team leader to identify areas of greatest need and devise a plan of action. Team

should have those with construction skills who can lead members to complete needed tasks. Team is asked to provide building materials, costs TBD. Needed skills include general carpentry, roofing and concrete work, painting, etc. Team will provide their own transportation. Teams will be responsible for their own transportation and housing. Hotels and cabin rentals are available. Team is responsible for all of their meals. A small kitchen is available with a griddle and a large eating area Requestor will provide a list of options for lodging and cooking.

Length of assignment: 4-7 Days

Preferred Dates: Throughout 2025

Costs: Travel to TN, food, lodging, building materials

AC25-035 Ministry Center Maintenance and Repairs

Copperhill, TN

Teams are needed to help with various construction and maintenance needs around ministry center. This could include power washing and painting of several buildings at ministry. Two small bathrooms and a small kitchen also need to have floors re-done. There is always landscaping needs as well. Team should have those with construction skills who can lead members to complete needed tasks. Team is asked to provide building materials, costs TBD. Needed skills include general carpentry, painting, flooring etc. Teams will be responsible for their own transportation and housing. Hotels and cabin rentals are available. Team is responsible for all of their meals. A small kitchen is available with a griddle and a large eating area Requestor will provide a list of options for lodging and cooking.

Length of assignment: 4-7 Days

Preferred Dates: Throughout 2025

Costs: Travel to TN, food, lodging, building materials

AC25-037 Construction of Tiny Homes Community

Strunk, KY

Teams are needed to help in building a community of tiny homes, the purpose of which is to help individuals and families regain traction in life. The goal is to build 15 tiny homes with community components. Structures are in varying stages of construction. All construction skills are needed. Need some on team with construction skills who can lead others in completing needed tasks. Tasks may include drywall, installing wood floors, tile, cabinetry, and finish work. There may also be farm and gardening projects. Team will be asked to contribute toward building materials cost, which may vary. Requestor will discuss this with team leader. Housing options include motel rooms, a nearby campground, and several Air B&B options. Requestor can walk team leader through options. Teams will need to provide their own food, but can use the Lord's Café kitchen for breakfast and supper preparation. A \$5 per person donation is requested for team member's lunch when Lord's Cafe is in operation. The kitchen is a stocked commercial kitchen. The ministry site also has a grill and picnic area. **(Project can be combined with AC25-006– Lord's Café & Other Outreach)**

Length of assignment: 4-7 Days

Preferred Dates: January – December 2025

Costs: Travel to KY, food, lodgings, construction materials

AC25-040 Remodeling at Bible College

Pineville, KY

Teams are needed for multiple remodeling projects in the student housing, family life center, and offices of strategic Bible college. Tasks may include: carpet replacement, dry wall, painting, drop ceiling replacement, vinyl siding replacement, landscaping, and more. Requestor will work with team leader in determining which project(s) team is best suited for and/or able to help with. Materials are provided by the college, but any donations will be gladly accepted. Lodging will be provided on site at the college at no charge if working on the facilities. Team will have use of a full kitchen to prepare their meals in.

Length of assignment: 3-5 Days

Preferred Dates: January - December 2025

Costs: Travel to KY, food

AC25-043 Addition to Pastor's House (Dan Howard, Old Fields Baptist)

Old Fields, WV

A skilled and experienced team is needed to build a 24' x 26' addition to the pastor's home and put a metal roof over the entire structure. This addition would allow for a large family room to allow our pastor to host groups and church gatherings in his home. The foundation for this addition is already finished and ready. The pastor and church will provide all materials needed. Just need team to do the work. Team will need to bring their tools. Team can stay in the church and use the fully equipped kitchen there to prepare its meals. Church has showers.

Length of assignment: One Week

Preferred Dates: Anytime 2025

Costs: Travel to WV, food

CAMP COOKS

AC25-012

Camp Cook Team

Hayesville, NC

One team of 6-12 volunteers is needed to prepare meals for a week of summer camp. Meals will be planned and food purchased by the camp food services director, who will also supply guidance to the team. Team will be responsible for all meal prep, cooking, serving and clean up after each meal. The day begins early and concludes around 7:00 p.m. Most days will have a couple hours to rest, relax, and enjoy camp in between meals. Volunteers with cooking skills and able to lift pots and pans are needed. Team will need to provide their own transportation and meals on travel days. Arrival to camp will be the afternoon before the 1st day of camp is to begin (dates below are camp dates). Departure is the last day of camp after clean up. Camp will provide lodging and does have several camper hook-ups for those who would like to bring their RV. Meals will be provided while camp is in session and team is cooking for campers. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will have professional background checks on all members. Team leaders will be sent a Volunteer Team application and background check information from Truett's Volunteer Coordinator. The camp will cover the cost of the background checks.

Length of assignment: 6-days

Costs: Travel to Hayesville, Meals on travel days

Dates: June 22-27, 2025 (Youth Camp 1)

AC25-013

Camp Cook Team

Hayesville, NC

One team of 6-12 volunteers is needed to prepare meals for a week of summer camp. Meals will be planned and food purchased by the camp food services director, who will also supply guidance to the team. Team will be responsible for all meal prep, cooking, serving and clean up after each meal. The day begins early and concludes around 7:00 p.m. Most days will have a couple hours to rest, relax, and enjoy camp in between meals. Volunteers with cooking skills and able to lift pots and pans are needed. Team will need to provide their own transportation and meals on travel days. Arrival to camp will be the afternoon before the 1st day of camp is to begin (dates below are camp dates). Departure is the last day of camp after clean up. Camp will provide lodging and does have several camper hook-ups for those who would like to bring their RV. Meals will be provided while camp is in session and team is cooking for campers. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will have professional background checks on all members. Team leaders will be sent a Volunteer Team application and background check information from Truett's Volunteer Coordinator. The camp will cover the cost of the background checks.

Length of assignment: 6-days

Costs: Travel to Hayesville, Meals on travel days

Dates: June 29-July 4, 2025 (Youth Camp 2)

AC25-016

Camp Cook Team

Hayesville, NC

One team of 6-12 volunteers is needed to prepare meals for a week of summer camp. Meals will be planned and food purchased by the camp food services director, who will also supply guidance to the team. Team will be responsible for all meal prep, cooking, serving and clean up after each meal. The day begins early and concludes around 7:00 p.m. Most days will have a couple hours to rest, relax, and enjoy camp in between meals. Volunteers with cooking skills and able to lift pots and pans are needed. Team will need to provide their own transportation and meals on travel days. Arrival to camp will be the afternoon before the 1st day of camp is to begin (dates below are camp dates). Departure is the last day of camp after clean up. Camp will provide lodging and does have several camper hook-ups for those who would like to bring their RV. Meals will be provided while camp is in session and team is cooking for campers. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will have professional background checks on all members. Team leaders will be sent a Volunteer Team application and background check information from Truett's Volunteer Coordinator. The camp will cover the cost of the background checks.

Length of assignment: 6-days

Costs: Travel to Hayesville, Meals on travel days

Dates: July 20-25, 2025 (Youth Camp 3)

AC25-017

Camp Cook Team

Hayesville, NC

One team of 6-12 volunteers is needed to prepare meals for a week of summer camp. Meals will be planned and food purchased by the camp food services director, who will also supply guidance to the team. Team will be responsible for all meal prep, cooking, serving and clean up after each meal. The day begins early and concludes around 7:00 p.m. Most days will have a couple hours to rest, relax, and enjoy camp in between meals. Volunteers with cooking skills and able to lift pots and pans are needed. Team will need to provide their own transportation and meals on travel days. Arrival to camp will be the afternoon before the 1st day of camp is to begin (dates below are camp dates). Departure is the last day of camp after clean up. Camp will provide lodging and does have several

camper hook-ups for those who would like to bring their RV. Meals will be provided while camp is in session and team is cooking for campers. **Note:** Teams working with children and youth will have professional background checks on all members. Team leaders will be sent a Volunteer Team application and background check information from Truett's Volunteer Coordinator. The camp will cover the cost of the background checks.

Length of assignment: 6-days
Costs: Travel to Hayesville, Meals on travel days
Dates: July 28-August 1, 2025 (Girls Camp 2)

CAMP MEDICAL VOLUNTEER

AC25-018-25

Summer Camp Medical Volunteer

Hayesville, NC

A qualified medical volunteer (active or retired) is needed to serve as camp nurse for a week of summer camp. Duties will include providing first aid, charting and distributing medication to campers daily and evaluating if any illnesses/injuries require off-site care. Volunteer will need to provide his or her own transportation to camp. Arrival to camp will be the afternoon before the 1st day of camp is to begin. (Dates below are actual dates of the camp). Departure is the last day of camp after clean up. The camp will provide housing and meals for camp medical volunteer. Volunteer will have time to get to know the campers, relax, and enjoy camp. Camp will provide opportunity for one of the volunteer's children / grandchildren to attend camp at no charge. **Note:** Volunteer working with children and youth will have professional background check performed. Volunteer will be sent a Volunteer Team application and background check information from Truett's Volunteer Coordinator. The camp will cover the cost of the background check.

Length of assignment: Six Days
Costs: Travel to Hayesville, Meals on travel days
Dates: AC25-018 - **June 9-13** (Girls Camp Week 1)
AC25-019 - **June 16-20** (Boys Camp Week 1)
AC25-020 - **June 22-27** (Youth Camp Week 1)
AC25-021 - **June 29-July 4** (Youth Camp Week 2)
AC25-022 - **July 7-9** (Children's Camp)
AC25-023 - **July 14-18** (Boys Camp Week 2)
AC25-024 - **July 20-25** (Youth Camp Week 3)
AC25-025 - **July 28-August 1** (Girls Camp Week 2)

CAMP MAINTENANCE

AC23-026

Camp Repair and Maintenance (Spring)

Hayesville, NC

Teams of volunteers are needed to do a variety of maintenance and small repair projects around camp. Projects may include building repair/cleaning/painting, tree removal, electrical work, plumbing, and general maintenance /cleaning. Camp will have some equipment, but team may need to bring some as well. Camp Director will work out specific details with team leader as per current need. Cost includes housing and meals while on site.

Length of assignment: 1-6 Days
Preferred dates: Spring 2025 (prior to camp opening June 9)
Cost: Travel to Hayesville, \$20 per person / per day

AC23-027

Camp Repair and Maintenance (Fall)

Hayesville NC

Teams of volunteers are needed to do a variety of maintenance and small repair projects around camp. Projects may include building repair/cleaning/painting, tree removal, electrical work, plumbing, and general maintenance /cleaning. Camp will have some equipment, but team may need to bring some as well. Camp Director will work out specific details with team leader as per current need. Cost includes housing and meals while on site.

Length of assignment: One Day to One Week
Preferred dates: Late Summer/Fall 2025 (following the closing of camp August 1)
Cost: Travel to Hayesville, \$20 per person / per day

AC23-028

Camp Tree Felling and Trimming Team

Hayesville, NC

A team of experienced volunteers is needed to take down specific trees on camp property and trim along property lines for mowing purposes and trail maintenance. Others on the team can do bush trimming and related jobs. Camp

Director will work out specific details with team leader as per current need. Team will need to provide their own transportation. Cost includes housing and meals while on site.

Length of assignment: 4-5 days

Preferred dates: Spring 2025 (prior to camp opening June 9)

Fall 2025 (following summer camp program ending the first week of Aug.)

Cost: Travel to Hayesville, \$20 per person / per day

PRAYERWALKING /PASTORAL FAMILY SUPPORT/CHAPLAINCY

AC25-008

Pastoral Family Care/Prayer Walking

Various Areas in Appalachia

A couple or small team is needed to prayerwalk strategic areas of Appalachia as well as visit pastors and wives to give encouragement. The work of these pastors and church planters is challenging. Progress is slow, and often discouraging. Many of these families have young children, some with special needs. Intentional prayer and care are very important to these pastor's families. These visits may involve taking the family out to eat, listening for needs where volunteers can help their ministry, praying with them, and giving gifts. The requestor will assist team in knowing specific areas to visit and develop a schedule. After leaving the town, the team should continue to pray specifically for the pastor's family, send cards of encouragement, emails or texts. The sending of additional mission teams can be planned with the requestor and coordinated through BOM Partnership mission. This long-term encouragement could make the difference in the pastor's family remaining steadfast in sharing Christ in their church and community. Materials cost could include: Gift cards, small bags of gifts of encouragement for members of the family. Prayer walking training materials for team if needed are highly recommended prior to trip. Need volunteers for this who are passionate for encouragement and prayer, and good listeners. Team will need to provide their own transportation. Housing may be found at local churches, motels, homes and/or local retreat center. Kitchens are available for team's use. Restaurants are also available. Requestor will work with team in putting together a successful ministry plan.

Note: Teams working with children and youth will be responsible for conducting professional background checks on all members over the age of 18. Team leader will be sent information from BOM concerning options for this.

Length of assignment: 3-5 Days

Preferred Dates: Anytime 2025

Costs: Travel to Appalachia, food, lodging. Gifts for pastor's family

EQUIPMENT NEEDS

AC25-042

HVAC System for Church

Madison, WV

Small church is requesting help with HVAC system in a relatively small (1200 square foot) building. Team will be asked to evaluate current system and recommend replacement options. Church has raised some funds for this, but will need some help to accomplish this. Team could stay in the church if they like – or local hotels. Church has a kitchen that team could use for meals.

Length of assignment: 2-3 Days

Preferred Dates: Anytime 2025

Costs: Travel to WV, food, funds to help