

July 7, 2010

Dear Parents,

Appalachian Outreach is a mission of Carson-Newman University that provides assistance to low income families living in East Tennessee. Youth and college students from across the southeast sign up for a week-long mission experience where they work on construction projects during the day and worship together at night. You are receiving this letter because your son or daughter has showed interest in participating in Appalachian Outreach.

The dates of the trip are July 18-23, 2010. We will leave on Sunday, July 18 at 10:15 from Trinity Baptist and return on July 23 by 12:30PM. The cost for the trip is \$165.00 and includes transportation and all meals. We will stay in dorm rooms on the campus of Carson-Newman University and eat meals provided by local churches in Jefferson City.

Enclosed with this letter you will find a typical schedule for each day, packing list, liability release form from Appalachian Outreach, and a medical release form for Trinity Baptist Church. In addition I have included pictures of the home that we will be working on. Martha (age 70) lives alone in an older model mobile home which is in poor condition. Her bathroom floor needs to be replaced and a small porch built on the rear exit of the home. Other groups have been working on the home, so we will pick up on the project where they left off.

You may be asking yourself, "But my son/daughter does not know how to replace a floor or build a porch?" Trained leaders oversee the construction of each project and understand that not everyone is a carpenter. They need volunteers willing to work and willing to learn. You may also be concerned about safety. Part of my responsibilities will be acting as safety officer on the project, making sure people are safe and following safety guidelines. We are also providing mission trip/travel insurance for each participant. In the event of an accident, each participant has coverage of \$100,000. Hopefully we will not need this insurance, but we feel that for a few cents/day it is a worthwhile investment.

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the trip. My email address is darrenwilliams@bellsouth.net and phone number is (864) 985-3795. All forms can be turned in on the morning before we leave. You will also need to submit a copy of your insurance card with these forms. Thank you for participating in Appalachian Outreach. We look forward to a growing and life-changing experience.

Peace and Grace,

Darren Williams
Minister of Youth