

During the week of July 11-18, 2015, 26 People from our congregation were blessed with the opportunity to serve the Lord by partnering with Richard City First Baptist Church, in South Pittsburg, TN. Vans, trucks, and a work trailer were loaded up w/ suitcases, tools & equipment, & headed up to the Jasper, TN area.

We had participants from ages 10 to 83. Men, Women & Youth all participated. 6-participants joined us for the first time this year.

We were BLESSED with a kitchen staff of 5 who got up early & worked late to insure each of us would have full bellies. They prepared over 425 meals for the crew including breakfast, lunches, Suppers, and let's not forget the magnificent desserts, during our stay. They were the backbone of our crew.

Our VBS crew organized & ran a VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for the community at the same location the rest of us were working. Although we did not have as many kids as we had hoped for, the kids that did come had the time of their lives. We all had an opportunity to love on them & listen to them as they recited scripture & sang songs they had learned. The last day, our Work Crews, VBS Crews & Kids, joined together for an on-site pizza party.

The rest of us joined together to work on renovating the parsonage which was in disrepair and in need of major attention. The church was (like our church) without a pastor, and wanted to get the parsonage remodeled for when their next pastor arrived. The church had a budget for materials, but were in need of laborers to do the work. Projects included tearing out & replacing lots of sheetrock, insulation, & finishing it off in prep for paint. The entire house was painted inside, the kitchen counters were replaced, a dishwasher installed, ceramic tile installed in the kitchen and laundry room floor. New trim was placed around all the windows inside. New lights & ceiling fans were also installed throughout the house.

On one day a small crew was pulled off the parsonage project to build a 26' wheelchair ramp for the crippled gentleman across the street. Mr. Whitley had been promised he would receive a wheelchair ramp for several years, and this year we were able to show the love of Christ by building it for him.

Each night praise & worship, and a sweet time of sharing & devotions followed supper before we were turned in for the night, only to start again the next day.

Each year I am OVERWHELMINGLY BLESSED by our Mission Trip and all those who participate. A special bond forms between each & every one of us that lasts forever!

Pray now, & ask God how he can use you in next year's Mission Trip.

Love in Christ

Doug Visser, Mission Trip Director 2015

Pictures from the Mission Trip!

