



Short-term mission
with long term vision!



FAIRMONT, West Virginia - 2024

Purpose:

Fairmont is an exciting and rewarding outreach ministry, designed to equip those with no missions experience or to challenge those who have served for years. We have multiple teams who have returned over the last 25+ years. It is well suited for a variety of skill levels. High school & middle school groups, college students, families with children, and all adult teams have successfully served in this ministry. The projects take place in and around Fairmont, which is in the heart of West Virginia's "coal country". This is a unique culture that will inspire and reward everyone open to investing in it. Homes are repaired and painted, handicap decks and ramps are built, and children's lives are encouraged through local Parks n Rec/VBS. There are opportunities to visit local Nursing/Assisted Living places to reach out and encourage the residents. Relationship building is the key to positive ministry efforts. It's through these relationships that doors open for sharing the Gospel. Team building and individual Christian growth are natural consequences of serving together in this Kingdom building opportunity!

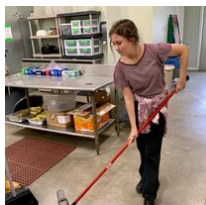
Ministry opportunities:

Impact WV has opportunities for all who are willing to serve. The main focus of the ministry is home restoration for widows/orphans, elderly, those with infirmity, and single mothers. Your team may also choose to participate in nursing home visitation, provide VBS in the local community, serve in the camp's kitchen, provide music ministry at the camp or with VBS teams, or assist with projects & maintenance of the camp. *There is a ministry for everyone!*

Age/Level of experience:

All ages and stages are welcome! We encourage mixed adult/youth teams as well as families. The broader the range of skills and abilities, the greater the ministry flexibility the team can have. Younger children are welcome, but parents and the team are responsible for their care and supervision. A minimum age of 13 is required for children participating without their parent. *(Any exception must be approved by Dayspring leadership.)* This project is excellent for a first-time mission experience, but also provides unique servant heart development for more experienced mission teams. Over 70% of our teams have returned multiple years.

Dates:



Week 1: June 08-15
Week 2: June 15-22
Week 3: June 22-29
Week 4: July 06-13
Week 5: July 13-20
Week 6: July 20-27



Project Orientation Trip (POT): May 3 - 4

Travel: Teams are responsible for travel to Fairmont and to/from the worksite.

Food & Lodging:

Teams stay at Dayspring Camp & Conference Center (DCCC) in open bay cabins with bunk beds, along with divided cabins for small families and groups. The camp can house approximately 120 participants per week. Teams will need to bring towels and twin-size bed linens/pillow. Breakfast and dinner are served at the camp; sack lunches, water and lemonade are supplied for the worksite.

Dress:

The weather in WV varies greatly; bring clothing for both cool and hot weather (Early June and late July weather varies the most). T-shirts, long pants and closed toed shoes are required for the worksite. Additional clothing guidelines are detailed in the Dayspring manual which is provided at the POT. Modesty is the key!

Immunizations & Rules:

A tetanus booster within the last ten years is strongly recommended. Our desire is to provide an atmosphere that encourages safety and growth in your personal walk with the Lord and for the corporate good of all. Appropriate guidelines have been established and each team member must be committed to them.

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Spiritual development

Morning devotion times, opportunities and challenges for service, and group devotions with host families are available and can encourage spiritual growth. A full evening program (for all ages) offers wonderful opportunities to worship God through the hearing of His Word from gifted speakers, singing led by talented musicians, and times of prayer and sharing!

Half-day off:

Wednesday afternoon affords a timely break in the week's schedule. Teams may visit any number of local and state attractions. Bring spending money for the activity your group has chosen and for the evening meal.

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New team leaders are required to attend this on-site orientation. Returning team leaders are strongly encouraged to attend the POT. This time is essential for team, construction and ministry preparation. Your project will be assigned at this time based upon your team's skill set and available projects. All costs for the POT are covered for team leaders except for travel to/from Dayspring Camp. *(Additional team members may attend for \$50/person)*

Project Cost: \$495/person

To assist families who are attending together, we offer the following family discounts:

Couples - Spouse receives \$50 discount

Youth age 13-18 attending with a parent - \$50 discount

Child age 6-12 attending with a parent - \$195 discount

Child age 2-5 attending with a parent - \$395 discount (under 2 years are free)

(Note: Discount is only for spouses and children attending with a parent; it does not apply to grandparents, siblings attending w/o a parent, or children attending with family other than their own. No additional family discount is given to kitchen workers.)

Kitchen Workers Discount - A limited number of workers are needed to assist with meal preparations during the week. A discount of \$195 is provided. Please confirm your interest with the Project Director to make sure help is needed for your week.

Fairmont Team reviews:

"On Sunday as we pulled into the church parking lot (a Fairmont church where we have held VBS for 7 years now) three little boys came riding down the street on their bikes, saw our license plates, and immediately turned around and pedaled back up the hill, yelling, "Connecticut's here! Connecticut's here!" These kids have so very few opportunities to experience faithfulness in their lives that the smallest thing, like us coming back every July, is disproportionately important. What we do at VBS in Fairmont really matters. And doing it year after year after year really matters even more."

"One of our home-owners, for whom we've worked twice before, said at the end of the week: "After all these years, I still can't get over the fact that you come all this way just to be with us." Notice that she didn't say, "To work on our houses..." or "To tell us stuff." She recognized that it is all about "being with". She recognized that it is all about Emmanuel--God with us. She recognized that we come because He came, and He still comes, with & through us."

"I praise God that He brought our team to Fairmont again this year. I praise Him that He gives me these small doses of Heavenly glory so that I can remember someday my gaze will be focused on Him without doubts, fears or distraction. I yearn for that day when we shall all see His face and somehow truly see each other as He sees us. I praise God He has given me the rich experience of Fairmont and the pleasure of serving and working for His glory this Summer. I hope and pray He'll get me there again next year."



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