

January 16, 2014

Dear Friends & Family:

I will be going on a Mission Trip to the Appalachian Region through St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Salisbury to do my part in making homes warmer, safer and drier. We have been participating in various local projects since last September and will continue until our week long trip in June. We will fund and build several wheelchair ramps in our local community for those in need and end in Appalachia working on various home repair projects.

Not only does this Mission help those in serious need but it has touched the lives of those who participate. It truly puts into perspective the important things in life and makes you appreciate the life we have. Last year we built an addition to a house which would serve as a bathroom. The homeowner lived alone and was a cheerful old man who loved to dance and play his fiddle. He never once complained about not having a bathroom. The day we said good bye was such a hard day, seeing the smile on his face and knowing how far we had gotten on the addition. He would soon have his own bathroom. There are no words to explain what that day means to me. This is just one of the eight projects we worked on during the week.

Each person on the trip needs to raise a minimum of \$350.00 to help fund the building materials and travel expenses. The goal, however, is to raise much more. The extra funds are used to purchase needed items for our service families.

This trip is a whole lot more than just repairing homes. It's a fantastic experience that not only provides for those in need of a warmer, safer and drier home, but reminds us that the love of Christ is alive and well in all of us; no matter where you come from. Any donation, large or small, would be greatly appreciated. I have enclosed a sponsor form with this letter. If you are unable to make a monetary donation at this time you can still help us by keeping the ASP team in your prayers for a safe and successful trip. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

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