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2017 Kentucky Mission Experiences

- Dates:** July 29th – August 5th Wheelwright, KY Intergenerational/Family
- Director:** Stephanie Boyd, Appalachia director – World Servants
- Cost:** **\$995.00** per person (This covers your work week, building materials, meals, accommodations, Day Off activities, transportation, and future Word FM mission trip development.)
- Cross Cultural Orientation:**
- Register by:**



Quick Facts

- Wheelwright is located in the eastern part of the state of Kentucky in the Appalachian mountain range.
- The median income for a household in this area is \$14,808 and about 40.0% of the population lives below the poverty line.
- The region is now a center for art and music through the Mountain Arts Center.

World Servants

World Servants is an agent of change through the development of people as servants and leaders via dynamic short-term mission experiences. World Servants serves diverse communities throughout the world through leaders committed to impacting the world through Jesus Christ. Our projects have a long-term impact both on volunteer participants and local communities while assisting these communities to become self-sustaining.

Why are we going?

World Servants coordinates mission experiences to meet the specific needs of the families we serve, as well as teams made up of all ages, and no previous experience is necessary. From the service projects to the evening program, each day is scheduled to help connect your group or family with experiences, which will have a lasting impact in each person's life.



During your trip you will meet both the physical and spiritual needs of the community. Physical needs are primarily met through construction and renovation projects. Spiritual needs are met in a number of creative and culturally appropriate ways by engaging in a combination of the outreach activities, such as hosting Kids' Club or Mega Sports/Arts Camps, playing with children; door-to-door care package outreach and worshipping with a local congregation.



Our Host Community and Mission Partner

We are working in Wheelwright, located in the eastern part of the state of Kentucky in the Appalachian mountain range in Floyd County. Kentucky is part of the Cumberland Plateau of the Appalachian Mountain Range. It has a rich cultural heritage beginning with the mound-building Adena Indians, through the civil war, to the coal camps that sprang up and faded as fast as the coal could be mined. The region is now a center for art and music through the Mountain Arts Center.

This area has many aspects of beauty from its lush wooded mountains to its colorful inhabitants that call this their home. With all of the beauty of the mountainous landscape there are mountains of challenges that the communities and families face daily. The median income for a household in this area is \$14,808 and about 40.0% of the population lives below the poverty line. The needs can range from roofs leaking, homes needing insulation, and families struggling to provide the basic necessities.

World Servants Impact:

In 2010, World Servants returned to Kentucky at the invitation of the community leaders of Wheelwright. Sitting at a table with Pastor Charles, our community partner, we heard stories of how World Servants had impacted family's lives in the past. He told us the relationships we made years before changed the lives of many. One man became a youth leader and the renovated church facility now holds weekly youth meetings. Our partnership with the Baptist Mission connects us with families in need. World Servants continues work in Floyd County and seeing how we can branch out into other areas of Eastern Kentucky, which could benefit from hope and encouragement through World Servant mission teams.

Missional Engagement – Activities on the Trip

Teams will work alongside the community; improving living conditions and opening doors to share Jesus. The majority of the mission week will be spent on home renovation projects. Most of the homes we encounter are in disrepair and will benefit from the work of loving hearts and hands. Projects can include roofing, installation of vinyl siding, windows and doors, constructing a wheel chair ramp, giving an elderly person easy access to their home, building a deck, painting and general clean up.



You will learn about the Appalachian culture with its strong emphasis on family values. By participating in outreach events, Kids' Club (VBS-type activities), Mega Sports and art camps, plus community outreach cookouts, you'll build relationships as you interact with the people in the community.

Food, Lodging, and Travel

Word FM Mission Team participants will travel together using passenger and cargo vans. Teams will stay at the Wheelwright Baptist Center, which is set up with separate bunk rooms for women and men. Showers and restroom facilities are available. Meals are prepared by local cooks.

On the day-off, teams have several options available, both free and fee-based activities, which include the local pool, whitewater rafting, canoeing or time spent at a state park.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact **Dave Baker** at dbaker@wordfm.org or call **215-721-2141**, if you have any questions.

