2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Inspiring Hope in the Mountains
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“But someone will say, ‘You have faith; I have deeds.’ Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.”

James 2:18
Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I share with you Appalachia Service Project’s 2015 Annual Report. The words, numbers and pictures on these pages only shed a brief glimpse on the amazing miracles of service and grace that happened last year. From Nicholas County, West Virginia, in the north, to Rutherford County, North Carolina, in the south, to Fentress County, Tennessee, in the west and the other 27 communities in between, ASP volunteers and staff changed the world of hundreds of families by making their homes warmer, safer and drier. But even more importantly, through this effort, all of our lives were transformed for the better by sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

As you look through this report, know that each story and every resulting blessing happened only through your support, service and prayers. This past year as I traveled throughout our service area visiting field staff, volunteers and families, I was consistently reminded that our permanent staff at ASP headquarters in Johnson City, Tennessee, plays a significant but small role in the accomplishment of our mission to eliminate substandard housing through the life-transformational service experiences of volunteers. Those “boots on the ground”... volunteers, supporters and summer field staff... all play a much larger role. In reality, this is your report.

By almost every measure, 2015 was a great year for our differing programs. Summer, the gravitational core of ASP, received the highest evaluations by volunteers and was the safest summer anyone can remember. College Service Project, ASP-affiliated on-campus student groups, has burst onto the scene with 11 new chapters, beginning with Virginia Tech and most recently adding Drake University. New Build Appalachia continues to grow, with new homes giving new hope to families who were living in conditions beyond repair. Our Fellows program is strengthening our year-round programming in Chavies, Guyan Valley and Jonesville.

A major development to report is the purchase of eight acres adjacent to our Johnson City office. This land acquisition should adequately meet the growth needs of the future and establish a needed residential element for volunteers in the Tri-Cities.

The days ahead are bright. By focusing strategically on the future, the impact of our combined efforts will continue to grow. Increasing our volunteer numbers is essential to helping more families. Raising more philanthropic dollars will translate into stronger construction materials budgets and, subsequently, better and longer lasting repairs. We are committed to being good stewards and a good investment for those who believe in our mission.

Thank you for your support of the families of Central Appalachia and ASP. Without you, the wonderful things you will read in this report would not be possible.

Blessings always,

Dr. Walter B. Crouch
President/CEO
Mission Statement

Appalachia Service Project is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair in Central Appalachia.

Our Vision

Appalachia Service Project’s vision is that substandard housing in Central Appalachia will be eradicated and that everyone who comes into contact with this ministry will be transformed.

Statement of Values

We believe that each person is a child of God imbued with dignity and worth.

We accept people right where they are and just the way they are.

We believe that affordable, safe, sanitary housing is a basic human right.

We are committed to witness through the good quality of our work and careful stewardship of our resources.

We believe God calls volunteers to serve others as partners in ministry and we will encourage their growth in faith as they are involved in this service.

We believe where ASP is involved in local communities we will encourage, affirm, and support social and economic justice.
At Appalachia Service Project (ASP), we see every day as an opportunity… to serve those in need… to transform the lives of good, hard-working, but struggling neighbors… and to rejoice as a community in the new homes, new hope and new lives our hands and our hearts are creating in the Appalachian mountains.

In our amazing mission, we have the privilege of joyfully serving families in need and rejoicing together in their new lives of hope and possibility. And in the process, we are all transformed.

Kirt and his wife, Teresa, are both battling life-threatening cancer. Before he got sick, Kirt started remodeling a couple of rooms in the family’s modest home, but had to stop. With his illness and mounting medical bills, the couple were left with a torn up, unusable kitchen and bathroom. When all seemed lost, Kirt and Teresa’s lives were changed by the angels you sent – the angels in blue jeans who came just when they were most desperately needed. Your kindness allowed us to shine a ray of hope into their lives by finishing the work that Kirt had begun.

Living in homes that are deteriorating poses significant health risks to kids and families – from injuries due to rotting floors or unsafe porches to respiratory conditions caused by mold, old carpet, or trying to heat with wood or coal. It’s also damaging to a family’s sense of confidence. Jessica and Aaron had great concerns for the health of their four daughters. Through ASP, you helped repair their home while giving this little family a renewed sense of wholeness and hope!

Arthritis and a mental disability constrain Herbert’s life. Owning almost nothing, Herbert didn’t even have the strength to replace a roof that was beyond repair or floors that were rotting through. Herbert’s porch was sinking; his house was uninsulated; his old stove was no match for the extreme winter cold. Your generosity helped ASP to come to the rescue and make much needed repairs. By helping good folks like Herbert, you follow God’s call to “love your neighbor as yourself.”
**Warmer**

“My kids now have a home that will be warmer in the winter and not have to be ashamed to bring friends home. I love my home. Thank each and every one of you.”

– Teresa, Harlan, KY

**Safer**

“My life and my health is going to be a lot better. I can tell a big difference in my breathing.”

– Margaret & Michael, Anderson, TN

**Drier**

“You have been such a blessing. Every night I look up at this roof and thank God for answering my prayers. If there was ever an angel on earth – you all at ASP are it!”

– Ed & Patty, Pike County, KY
Each year, teams of enthusiastic volunteers fan out across Appalachia, repairing homes and building relationships. God uses them to move mountains of poverty, changing the lives of those we serve. Yet, at the same time, God moves in the hearts of our volunteers, stirring up in them a passion for lifelong service.
“ASP is about broken people venturing down switchbacks to find other broken people, and within a week’s time and by the power of Jesus, to fill each other’s lives with love and hope.”

– Katie Jones, former ASP Summer Staffer

“ASP is not just about us working on homes. It’s about God working on us.”

– ASP youth volunteer

“ASP transformed me from an inactive member of a church to a highly active and visible member of the church. ASP has had a huge impact on the direction my life has taken since my first trip.”

– ASP adult volunteer