



"I am the Good Shepherd" John 10:14-16

Freedom Center Ministries Inc.

July - August 2024 news

Greetings Family and Friends,

The missionaries of the Kentucky Appalachians have received God's blessings for over 20 years. Father God has always been faithful! This past summer we served with 3 generations of volunteer missionaries. In July of each year, the Freedom Center has a "Back to School" mission week to support local families physically and spiritually.

The 2024 BTS mission week was an exciting journey. We had 70 volunteers from five churches who shared love, prayers, fun, and physical needs. More than 388 parents and children were served and encouraged spiritually, and a lot of seed was planted. The Holy Spirit saved 24 folks, and we had 2 baptisms. All for Father God's glory!!

We have been watching and praying for years for a Mission Week event like this, and I expected this week would be different. We serve a loving God," Jesus said. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing. But God did increasingly more than what we thought. We are so blessed and thankful.

Missionary volunteers shared these testimonies:

Volunteer: It is an honor and a privilege to serve the families of Harlan County, KY alongside my brothers & sisters in Christ. This week means so much to my family and we have loved this community for 12 years. We also served the kids of Beaver Creek Elementary in Topmost, KY. Already looking forward to next year!!

Volunteer: Our church was to paint a local woman's house, serve hotdogs, and work with the children at FC. My concern is that we do not have the painters and time to get it power-washed and painted. This house is a Goliath before us! But in less than two days the house was done, and the woman was excited. God always provides!

A young missionary said a believer's life can become stagnant. Think of a pond that does not move it has no course of flow. But a river continues to flow with power and is always moving with highs and lows. As believers, we should not just sit there collecting algae but get out of the pond. We should get into the river to receive God's blessings and share them with others as they run over. The Lord said I will open up the rivers. He is our provision, He is strong; we shall trust in Him, as we encourage others physically and spiritually for God's glory.



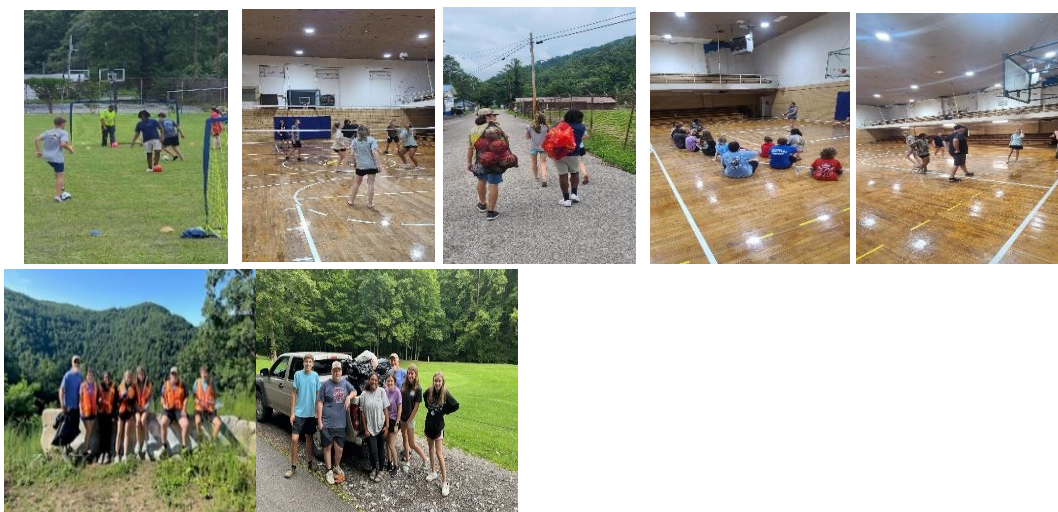
Back to School Mission Week volunteers: Buck Creek BC, Longs, SC, Wampee BC, Longs, SC, Ben Avon BC, Spartanburg, SC, Indian Lake BC, Northport, AL, Memorial BC, Frankfort, KY

A mission team from Mt. Pleasant BC, Rockvale, TN worked in the FC shop/warehouse on their annual mission journey. They inspected and sorted a huge amount of donations that a North Carolina church brought and stocked the shop with winter clothes. The men did ceramic tile backsplash work at Mission House and did carpentry window trim in a family's house.

On their first mission journey Red Dam BC, Hardeeville, SC team shared devotions with the children who attended the sports camp. They used athletics to engage with the local folks, they enjoyed volleyball, basketball, soccer, and kickball. They also worked with donations in the warehouse. We did Black Mountain highway litter pickup to help keep Looney Creek water clean.

After 7 years, the mission team from Pleasant Hill BC, Martin, GA returned to serve. They inspected, sorted a huge amount of donations, and stocked the shop with school clothes.





Missionary Teams on the 2024 Calendar

September 15 - 20 Union BC, Griffin, GA
 October 6 - 11 Daviess/ McLean BA, Owensboro, KY
 October 16 - 20 FBC Salisbury, NC
 October 24 - 27 Jamestown BC, Conway, SC
 October 26 - 27 Saint John BC, Frankfort, KY
 December 12 - 14 Mt. Pleasant BC, Rockvale, TN

Open Dates are available from September through December, as God leads contact FCM. If your church/group is planning to come and serve with Freedom Center Ministries, please contact us. Thank you!

Agape House Lynch, KY is a place where missionaries stay when they GO/come to serve.



PRAISE OUR LORD FOR:

- Holy Spirit's faithfulness in every detail of life & ministry
- 94 volunteers help with ministry by giving time and talents
- 24 salvations and families changed
- Financial and physical resources donated
- 732 friends served at FC
- Faithful ministry and prayer partners

Prayer Warriors, we cherish your prayers!! Thank ya'll on behalf of our people group in The Appalachians; may God's blessings continue to flow to His people. Robin and George are humbled "Serving our Father by serving His People" in the Southeastern Kentucky Mountains. Thank you for your PRAYERS and support! May God receive the glory and honor in our works.

PRAY TO THE ALL-SUFFICIENT ONE FOR:

- Mission vehicle 2021 or later model Honda/Toyota SUV with low mileage
- Missionary couple/family for long-term service with FCM
- Kentucky School Children and school superintendents
- FCM folks on the prayer list: salvation, healing, lives transformed
- Local and worldwide missionaries
- Spiritual awakening around the World

Throughout the world cultures are different. As we serve in Kentucky, we learn about the mountain culture's likes and dislikes. The folk's needs are items of necessity. The clothes culture is blue jeans, hooded sweatshirts, flannel shirts, t-shirts, and boots/casual shoes. There are very few exceptions. The folks do not wear 100% wool, corduroy, old-style heavy sweaters, pleated pants, turtlenecks, shirts with advertisements, men's suits, or outdated clothes. So, to be good stewards the ministry will respect the culture and provide only basic needs. Also, this will help with seasonal warehouse space.

The ministry needs are to be basic: shoes, bed sheets, bed blankets, comforters, towels, and housewares that include pots, pans, and silverware only. Thank you for your partnership in God's work and ministry.

FCM SHOP NEEDS AT THIS TIME:

- **NO women's clothes needed**
- T-Shirts with long and short sleeves for all genders, ages, and sizes
- Men's summer and winter tennis shoes
- Men's work boot
- Winter clothes for men sizes Small - 5X
- Winter clothes for babies and toddlers, and school-age boys and girls
- Blue jeans for men waist sizes 29 through 34 and sizes 50 - 54
- All sizes sheet sets (especially queen and king)



In the Vine, John 15 ... Abide in Jesus Christ!

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