

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News

December 2009

ASP is more than a week trip deep into the Appalachia Mountain range repairing homes and improving lives. For the ASP Organization it is a year round program that offers various trips and types of experiences including: youth, singles, couples weekends and more. ASP also has a variety of fundraising activities year round. ASP celebrated 40 years of service this year and Charter Oak Church can proudly report that we have been sending teams for 36 of those years.

For Charter Oak Church it is also a year round program, we have volunteers knitting blankets, event planning and team recruiting. In June of this year we sent 43 students and adults on 6 teams to work on various projects. During the next 6 months we will be reporting on each of the projects in the Circuit Rider. We hope this provides some incite to why we are so committed to ASP and an update for those who participated on the trip. Since the summer projects last up to eight weeks in length and we are only onsite for one of those weeks the work teams seldom see the end results.

Since the trip in June we completed our financial obligations in July and in August completed our final report for our 2009 trip. In September we began by working on our 2010 budget. October we created our annual calendar of events, a website to keep everyone updated on all the news and events, submitted our reservation application for our 35th trip and November was our first group invitation meeting for our 2010 trip.

2009 trip in summary; the projects for the ASP center in Logan County (Omar), WV. During the 8 weeks summer teams used just over \$48,000 in building materials and services that was purchased through the teams contributions and fundraising. All the labor hours contributed for the projects saved ASP \$396,191.25 in costs. Thanks to everyone for the donations and hard work provided.

Watch for our individual team updates beginning in January and visit our website for more information, news and calendar of events for ASP2010.

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