

DIVINE GRACE PARISH

GO LIGHT YOUR WORLD

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What is the Appalachia Mission?

We are the Youth of Divine Grace Parish (8th grade and up). We spend one week together every June in Preston County, WV completing construction and repair work for those in need. You do not need any experience in construction/carpentry, just a willingness to learn. If you have the spirit of God's love in your heart and want to use your hands to do HIS work, you are welcome to join us!

Why Preston County, West Virginia?



Our neighbors in and around Kingwood, WV need us. The poverty rate in this region is 18% and there are limited opportunities and resources for people to improve their lives. The summer home repair program was started after the great flood of 1985 and Divine Grace has been sending a delegate of youth almost every year since then. Furthermore, the campus of St. Joseph the Worker is the perfect place for fellowship for our group of about 50. As glorious as the mountains are, our accommodations are humble. After a hard day of work, a delicious dinner, campfire and prayer, we lay our heads down in dorm-style rows of bunkbeds more thankful than ever for being able to make a difference in our world.

WISH LIST

- Use of Truck to tow Uhaul down to WV and use for the week
- Uhaul 12ft box truck sponsor for the week
- Sponsors for meals to feed 60 people
- T-shirt sponsor
- Gift cards for supplies at Walmart/Lowes

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What kind of projects are completed?

We do projects big and small. Most often, our youth build decks, wheelchair ramps, and replace roofs. There have been many situations when residents, confined to wheelchairs, were unable to leave their homes safely until we added a ramp. We have even added a two-bedroom addition for a couple who was hoping to foster and adopt five siblings, and were required by the state to have two more bedrooms added to their current two bedroom home. With the grace of God, we completed this project is just FIVE days and are happy to say the family of 7 is together because of this.



What can you do to help?

We raise \$20,000 annually so that all of the updates and repairs are done at no cost to the homeowners. Monetary Donations can be made payable to Divine Grace Parish with Appalachia Mission noted on the check. After we pick our project sights, we'll send out a list of specific needs. Typically, we need trucks and trailers to haul supplies to WV, along with donations for the actual costs of lumber and supplies. We love having meals/food sponsored so that we can apply all of the funds raised to help the residents we serve. For more information, email Mindy @ mdpasquale5@gmail.com.

