



Fall Newsletter

November, 2009

sharing hope in appalachia

Thank You!

As I look back on the past year, I am amazed at the number of lives that have been touched as a result of Big Creek Missions. Over 2400 volunteers have given their time and resources to serve the residents in our area. These volunteers have provided labor to work on dozens of homes. Local children have experienced the love of Christ as volunteers have provided numerous day camps throughout the year. Many residents have received clothes, food, and other necessities because of the work of our volunteers in the community.

It's not difficult to see that the residents of Leslie County truly appreciate the services that Big Creek provides. While we can't meet every need and solve every problem, we are able to reach out to many who would have otherwise had no where to turn.

I hope that you will prayerfully consider partnering once again with Big Creek. We would be honored to serve with any age group at any time. Whether it's through your prayer support, financial support, or physical support, we appreciate your help!

Big Creek would not exist without you and your willingness to share the love of Christ with others in need! I want to say THANK YOU to every volunteer for their labor of love, and for sharing the Hope of Christ to the residents of Appalachia.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Rogers".

Kevin Rogers, director



Thanksgiving Baskets

This Thanksgiving, we'll be assisting many families with food baskets. We would also like to help the Leslie County food pantry purchase 80 turkeys to give to families in need. If you would like to financially support this outreach, call 606-653-0513, or give on our website at:

www.bigcreekmissions.com/give

2010 Summer Staff Information

See www.bigcreekmissions.com/staff

2009 Review

Salvations: 100+

Many of the salvations reported were volunteers, who, for the first time, recognized their own need for Christ!

Total Volunteers: 2400+

1800 volunteers served at Big Creek this summer, but thankfully, we've had MANY groups serve at other times during the year! Groups are now joining us from as far away as CALIFORNIA!

Homes Repaired: 70+

Our Construction ministry provided labor and materials to assist homeowners with every conceivable repair. We replaced floors, ceilings, roofs, porches, ramps, windows, doors, and made countless repairs on homes.

Number of children enrolled in day camps: 150+

We offered day camps at four locations during the entire summer. Each child experienced the love of Christ through positive relationships, activities, and Bible application. In addition, were able to provide lunch for each child every day

Number volunteer hours served: 72,000+

It's hard to believe, but our volunteers have provided over 72,000 volunteer hours in this community! Volunteers provided time to local churches, agencies, nursing homes, adult daycares, schools, and minis tries throughout the year .

Prayer Requests . . .

We appreciate your prayers as we serve the residents in Leslie and Clay Counties.

Families: Continue to pray for the families we serve. Many families will have to endure yet another cold, harsh winter.

Ministries: Pray for leaders of the following programs:
: Mission of Hope, God's Closet, Leslie County Food Pantry, LCLP, Leslie County Schools

Volunteers: Pray that God would equip and provide for the many volunteers who will serve at Big Creek in 2010.

Leadership: Pray for the director (Kevin Rogers) and the Board of Directors (Marcie, Terry, and Jerry) as we follow God's direction in ministry.

Partnerships: Pray that we will continue to develop and nurture partnerships in the areas we serve, for the benefit of the residents.

Funding: Pray that God continues to use churches and individuals to provide for financial needs at Big Creek Missions.

Future: Pray that God would open our eyes to see exactly what He has in store for the future of Big Creek

Involvement: Pray about your involvement at Big Creek. Seek the Lord's guidance as to your physical or financial commitment to this growing ministry.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Share Your Story . . .

We would love to hear how God used Big Creek to impact your life. Email those stories to info@bigcreekmissions.com or go to www.bigcreekmissions.com/stories

Invest in Appalachia!

Big Creek Missions is more than a summer camp. We are a year round mission center reaching out to residents in need. We receive no government or regular church or agency funding. Here are some ways you and your group's support can assist as we reach out in Appalachia:

- **Become a Monthly Supporter:** Your monthly financial gift of ANY amount will help us continue to grow and serve. See www.bigcreekmissions.com/give
- **Sponsor a Turkey!** We're hoping to provide 80 turkeys for the Leslie County Food Pantry. Each Turkey will cost approximately \$15.
- **Financially Sponsor a Construction Project!** Each site costs Big Creek anywhere from \$250—\$2000.
- **Sponsor a Clothing Drive!** We especially need your GOOD teenage and children's clothing. Diapers are a desperate need! Send only your good stuff—no junk! If you think it's garbage, we'd probably agree.
- **Sponsor a Food Drive:** Collect food at your home church and bring to Big Creek! This will be distributed to families in need.
- **Sponsor a Hygiene Drive!** We distribute hygiene products such as toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, soaps, body wash, shaving supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, and any other hygiene supplies.
- **Collect Construction Materials!** Any construction materials (especially lumber) will help with ongoing projects.
- **Watch www.bigcreekmissions.com/wishlist for more needs in the community and our center.** !

For More info, call 606-653-0513 or go to www.bigcreekmissions.com/give

Thanks for helping us share Hope in Appalachia

Sponsor a Thanksgiving Basket
for a family in need
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