West Virginia Mission Trip Kilpatrick/Hephzibah Associations July 12-18, 2025

This year marks the 22nd year that the churches of the Hephzibah and Kilpatrick Baptist Association will be assisting Bluefield, West Virginia area churches in the work of the ministry. We have the opportunity to serve at least 6 Churches in the Bluefield/Princeton area of Virginia/West Virginia area churches this July. We do this work in response to the invitation of these churches and the willingness of folks in our association to volunteer. These are churches that are at a time where they cannot do the ministries we are helping with on their own and are greatly blessed by the boost a team of volunteers give them. While every year is a little different, we will again be conducting Vacation Bible Schools, doing construction work, having community cook outs, specialized worship services plus whatever else they need as our Lord leads. We are amazed at how you work together to carry out this ministry and we trust that you will join together again in this great work.

Needs:

Volunteers: VBS leaders, teachers, helpers, crafts leaders and helpers, cooks and kitchen helpers, VBS recreation, Bus Drivers, construction leaders and helpers and general volunteers.

One great need is for CDL passenger endorsed drivers to drive our buses.

VBS Materials: We rely on donated VBS materials so after your VBS is through check with us to see if we need decorations or teaching materials.

Jumpers and Salvation Dolls: Many women have joined together to sew jumpers and salvation dolls which we give out to the children. Last year we distributed well over 100 jumpers.

Construction materials: Sometimes we can use various items which folks donate for construction projects. We'll send out a list of items that we are looking for as the time draws near or you can check with us if you have items you think we might use.

Most of all, we need prayer. Try to remember this great ministry in prayer throughout the year in your private prayers and in your prayer meetings.

Logistics: Registration materials will be available around the first of the year. We will mail these to the churches, post them online and have them available at our office. The deadline for registration is in June. It is great to hear from those who are going earlier than the registration deadline so we know how to plan. In most cases teams are made up by combining volunteers from several churches. A team leader will contact volunteers for team meetings in preparation for the trip.

Transportation: Some choose to meet us in Bluefield while most others ride buses or vans that we coordinate with participating church groups.

Rooming and food: The team stays in the dorms at Bluefield College. Breakfast is provided Monday – Thursday at the college while lunch and supper are usually at the ministry site.

*AC dorm priority will be given to senior adults and those with medical needs. The remainder of the rooms will be first come, first served with all monies and paperwork turned in to KBA. Cost: Covers Room, Meals Monday-Thursday (possibly some extra), Some transportation,

AC Dorm \$300; Non-AC Dorm \$260