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Transforming Lives

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**Special \$50,000 matching gift for materials STILL AVAILABLE!**

Lumber prices have gone up 40% —  
this will have a huge effect on our costs this summer.

Please help now while your gift can be **DOUBLED!**

➔ *Last April, 1,000 board feet of lumber cost \$202. This year, 1,000 board feet costs \$353 ...  
Can you help us cover these extra costs?*

# EYES ON THE PRIZE: RACING TO SERVE

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*Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. — I Corinthians 9: 24*

We are running a race to serve others here in Central Appalachia! This verse from I Corinthians speaks of our life here on earth as a spiritual race — but every summer, we are in a very physical race against time and money to serve as many families as possible before the next winter closes in.

This past winter was the coldest, snowiest winter in at least a decade here in the Appalachian mountains. For weeks on end temperatures never got above freezing. The whole country felt it, but no one experienced it quite like the 62,000 children and families in this

region who are in substandard homes without electricity, indoor plumbing or an adequate source of heat.

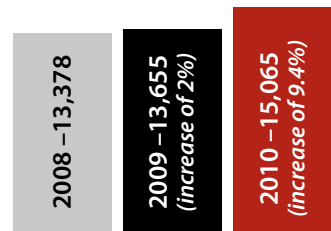
Our race to serve families in need kicks into high gear in just a few weeks. By God's grace, we will have a record 28 service centers open this summer and an additional 1,500 volunteers!! This is nearly a 10% increase over last year.

*More volunteers, more families to serve, lumber prices up by 40% — it all means we need more supplies, more materials, more resources. Most importantly, we need your support! ✂*

Can you help in this summer's **RACE TO SERVE?**

It's a great time to do so while your gift can be **DOUBLED!**

### Volunteers for Summer Youth Program



Please be praying for the families and community of Montcoal, WV, where 29 miners died and two others were injured in the nation's worst mine accident in 40 years. This mine is located just 20 minutes away from one of ASP's summer service centers and we will no doubt be serving families who were deeply affected by this tragedy.

## Sarah Lawrence: First-Time Volunteer

*St Luke's United Methodist Church, Memphis, TN*

I'd heard so much about ASP from our church, which has been taking youth groups since I was born 14 years ago! I was very excited to be old enough to go this year.

We served in Breathitt County, KY at a home where the floors were falling through. But before the floors could be fixed, foundation repairs had to be made — so that's what we got started on in Week 1.

This was hard since there was a well and a natural spring under the house, so when we dug the holes for the piers they immediately filled up with water. I laid on the dirt to scoop out the water with a can and put it in a bucket above me. The stronger people on our team did the digging and heavy carrying as buckets of mud and water were removed and dumped outside.

Mr. Ronnie and his wife lived here with three of their grandchildren — 2 in elementary school and one in middle school. It's different when you come to ASP and actually do the work — rather than just hear the stories about it. You realize what a huge impact it has on the family and on yourself too.



I gave a gift to our youth director for whatever was needed and she gave it to ASP while we were there. I have been given so much and yet other people need it so much more than I do. I can't wait to come back to ASP ... everything you do here really helps! ✂

### Sarah's youth director, Beth Ryan:

*Sarah is a saver and giver. She's good at seeing a need and making something happen. It's one of her many spiritual gifts. When I gave her gift to ASP, I requested that it be used on the home where Sarah was working so she could be part of putting her gift to work!*



## Ten Days, Freezing Temps, No Power...

Betty & Jim Johnson — and their two grandchildren — live on his family property with 14 other family members! Jake & Hannah both have ASD (Atrial Septal Defect) — a genetic defect that causes a hole in the heart. If mended during childhood, the prognosis is usually good and Jake who is 5 has already had this surgery. Now Hannah (2 years old) needs it.

ASP helped this family stay together by building a room addition so that Hannah, her mom and Jake can have separate rooms. We also insulated, put in new floors and replaced the electrical wiring to make their home warmer, safer and drier! They spent 10 days this past winter in freezing temperatures with no power ...



Betty Johnson with her grandchildren

**"It's such a treasure to have a house that I'm not ashamed to be in... I'm so excited — we have NEVER had a bathroom and running water."**

— Rachel, Rose Hill, VA

## The Man Upstairs sure can work miracles!

*by Josh Bam, ASP Staff Writer*

After many years as a Kentucky coal miner, Johnny Jessup still wakes up around 4 a.m. "I worked in the mines all my life — since I was 8 years old," he noted. "Our families needed the income, so the ones who worked didn't go to school. I've never known anything else."

Johnny retired in 1987 — with black lung, a leaky heart valve, and enough back pay to build the house ASP worked on last summer. His income supports Johnny and the three grandchildren — Nicholas, 8; Holly, 12; and Jesse, 14 — the courts awarded him when his son and daughter-in-law could no longer take care of them.

In the spring of last year, Johnny woke up to a chimney fire that had already destroyed most of his roof. Damage to the electrical wiring warranted the fire department taking the electric meter. And then there was smoke damage too.

"Ain't no way a broke man could pay someone to fix this," Johnny said. "You already owe your paycheck. It ain't enough to live on, but it's enough to get by."

"The Man Upstairs sure can work miracles, can't He?"

He showed the light in what looked completely dark to me. It was the fire that put me in this position. I was forced to turn to ASP 'cause I didn't have nowhere else to go. Without you, I'd have been out period." And so would his young grandchildren.

Soon ASP was re-roofing his home, replacing linoleum damaged by cinders and smoke, repainting the ceiling, and more.

"When the work crews came I tried to make them welcome," he said. "I said: 'This is your house. Work to suit yourself. Do things how you feel and think they ought to be done—and I appreciate you coming.'" The grandchildren visited while the work was being done and got to meet many of the volunteers. But the best part, they said, was coming back home to stay! ✂



Above: The chimney fire at Johnny Jackson's home destroyed the roof and electrical wiring

Right: Johnny, his 3 grandchildren, and the ASP volunteers who worked on his home



**ASP's Cup of Cold Water Fund covers emergency plumbing, septic and electrical projects — to fully fund all 2010 project requests, we will need at least another \$65,000!**

We gratefully acknowledge the following friends of ASP who have offered gifts from January 25 through April 20, 2010, to honor someone special or as tributes to loved ones who have passed on.

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November 11 – 14, 2010  
Jonesville, VA  
\$160 per person

**SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEKEND**

January 13 – 16, 2011  
Chavies, KY  
\$160 per person

Call our Volunteer Department at 423.854.8800 if you want to participate in one of these weekends.

Please join us in the RACE TO SERVE as many families as possible in Summer 2010 — while your gift can be DOUBLED!

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