



THE Front Porch

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THANK YOU to our AMAZING donors & volunteers for making 2010 a wonderful year!

We're excited to begin a new year of serving needy families here in Central Appalachia – but not before we say THANK YOU to the most amazing donors and volunteers any ministry has ever had! We are grateful for your partnership in making the homes of more than 500 families in dire need warmer, safer and drier this past year.

We couldn't help these families without the very specific and remarkable role you play. It takes all of us working together to serve well:

- **VOLUNTEERS & CHURCHES** who give so generously of their time, hard work and whose fees cover about 65% of labor/material costs;
- **DONORS** who provide the other 35% of labor/material costs, and also the extra resources we so urgently need to help even more of the families turning to us; and,
- **STAFF** who organize this massive undertaking each year and maintain relationships throughout the 28 plus counties we currently serve.

And let's not forget what may be the most important piece of all — the faithful prayers each one of you lift up on our behalf each day. We are so grateful for each and every partner...and we look forward to another amazing year of serving God and serving others in 2011.

LIFE IS A LITTLE EASIER Thank You!

Tony Hanson lives in Mingo County, WV. He is the sole caretaker for his father who recently had a stroke and can barely walk, and also his sister Irene who is paralyzed from the neck down. Irene needs someone with her 24/7, and her brother Tony courageously took on this responsibility several years ago. But if he leaves the house for any reason, he must take her with him — carrying her down very steep steps and even further down a steep hill to his van. While we were working to build this porch with an extended wheelchair ramp, we saw Tony nearly fall beneath Irene's weight combined with the steep slope of the land.



*I am so happy ASP came here — thank you! This ramp will make Tony's life a little easier and it won't be such a struggle for us to leave the house. **We are grateful!***
— Irene

When we finally finished the last part to the wheelchair ramp this past summer, our volunteer crews — and Tony — took turns pushing Irene down the new ramp. She giggled with a big grin on her face the whole way! Now they can get out of the house for doctor's appointments — or even just to enjoy the sunshine — so much easier. Thank YOU for helping us help the Hansons! ✂

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ASP's theme for 2011

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect." —Romans 12:2 (NRSV)

MEET BRIAN & HEATHER GRAFTON Carpenter Club Members Extraordinaire!



Brian, Heather & baby Jake

The Carpenter's Club is our monthly giving program — and the name could not be any more appropriate. Not just because we're a home repair ministry, but also because we happen to work for the world's finest Carpenter, Jesus Christ!

This year, we will be highlighting some of our wonderful Carpenter's Club members and getting to know them better through this new column in *The Front Porch* newsletter. And we hope you'll become a member too.

How did you first hear of ASP?

Brian: I grew up in Trumbull, CT at Nichols United Methodist Church, where every year the youth group traveled to serve with ASP. I came as a volunteer when I was in high school in the early-mid 1990s, then I actually served on summer staff with ASP for a couple of years in college. When I married, I introduced my wife, Heather, to ASP and she loved it. We moved to Annandale, VA in 2002 and started looking for a church. When we visited St. Matthews UMC, we found out they had been taking their youth group to ASP for over 20 years too! In fact, this is their 27th year. Because of the impact ASP had on me, it was one of the things that drew us to this church. Now we serve as Youth Counselors for the Senior High and Group Leaders for our ASP trip.

What is the best thing about ASP to you as a donor and volunteer?

Brian: Without a doubt, the best thing about ASP to me is how it transforms lives on both ends of the spectrum. We get to see the change in the families we serve over the summer — how much hope and faith it restores in them to have us there serving and helping. And as a Group Leader for our youth, I love to see the transformation that happens in our young people too! The confidence and sense of fulfillment they have by the end of the week is just amazing. We really get to see them grow up during this week of service.

Heather: Right now, we're in the middle of training and fundraising for our summer trip. So we're having some of the young people who went last year get up and make announcements about it at church. It's great to listen to them describe their experience — even some of the shy kids who we may not have heard anything from before, when they get up and talk about it, you can immediately see what a difference it's made in their lives! They really get it.

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Brian & fellow volunteer, Cait Tuceling, last summer in WV



"I've spent my whole life serving others — I never dreamed I would be the one needing help," Katya said through her tears, *"but when I went to the doctor a few months ago for the migraines I'd been having, I found I had MS and that it was progressing rapidly."* Simple tasks like driving, climbing steps or even getting out of bed soon became harder and harder. Katya and her husband Randy realized they would soon need a wheelchair ramp as well as some repairs to their front porch in order to have a safe exit in and out of their home. Though we didn't receive their application until late last summer, we worked hard to finish a 24' wheelchair ramp, an 8 x 8' deck on top and a 12' concrete sidewalk at the bottom because we saw how much Katya needed it. Pray for this family and for their faith to remain strong through this difficulty.



MEET WALTER CROUCH

ASP's new President & CEO

Dr. Crouch's experience is wide and varied — but as you'll see it fits in beautifully with his new calling to Appalachia Service Project.

A few of many things we picked from his resume ...

- Graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic College in 1988
- Journeyman electrician – first job!
- General Contractor and Business Owner for 10 years (Florida)
- Master of Divinity from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1991
- Youth Minister for 5 years (Florida)
- Coach for Youth Athletics
- Senior and/or Interim Pastor for 20 years (Texas, Tennessee)
- Ecumenical Ministerial Organization member
- Organized care for the poor & elderly
- Doctor of Philosophy from Baylor University in 1995
- Foster Parents
- Vice President for Church Relations & Asst. Professor at Carson Newman College for 12 years (Tennessee)
- Seminar Leader for businesses and churches in the area of team building & peace-making for 20 years (Texas, Tennessee)



And a few personal favorites ...

Favorite Bible Verse: *But those who wait on the LORD will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.* —Isaiah 40:31

My Family: Wife Pam – married 35 years and counting! (interesting fact: she's a twin)
3 grown children – Misty, Tabitha & Dallas
2 wonderful adopted foster children – Ashley & Aidan, ages 7 & 4
1 Grandson – Jaxon, age 2



Walter & Pam Crouch

Favorite Thing to Do: Hiking in the mountains, watching old movies (I'm a bit of a movie buff)

Favorite Movie: *Lawrence of Arabia* with Peter O'Toole

Favorite Sports Team: Atlanta Braves baseball

Favorite Book: *The Wounded Healer* by Henri Nouwen

Favorite Quote:

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

St. Teresa of Avila, 16th century Spanish mystic, Carmelite nun, and Roman Catholic saint

This quote, which has been a favorite for years, really sums up why I am so excited to be a part of ASP. Not only does this job bring together so much of my own past experience, but it reflects most clearly what I feel our calling is as Christians — to be the hands and feet of Christ, ministering hope and blessing to a broken and hurting world. And what better place to start than right here in America's own backyard of Central Appalachia? I pray God will teach us all in the days ahead how to love and help our neighbor just as Jesus did. ✕



Walter & Pam with their two youngest children & grandson

One in three families in Central Appalachia live in substandard housing — that means no water, no electricity, no adequate source of heat or without a usable kitchen. WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



"I'm not scared to use my toilet anymore, and I can finally use my shower!" Thanks to the help of ASP volunteer crews, Shannon Porter's home got a bit of a makeover. Her kitchen and bathroom floors had rotted from a leaky toilet and bathtub. Frankly, it was dangerous to even be near the bathroom — but it was her only one. She could have never made these repairs herself, but thanks to YOUR help, we put in new flooring, a new tub and a new toilet — plus we built a drainage ditch behind the pump house to prevent further flooding. This wonderful lady will sleep much easier knowing she is safe and dry.



Leanne suffers from brain cancer and is on chemotherapy. Her strength sapped, she can barely walk down their front steps — her legs "become like Jell-O," says Peter, her husband. ASP not only built this family a 34' wheelchair ramp, we were also able to be an anchor for them as they grieved the loss of a son in the military. Pray for this family and their other son, 12 years old, still at home.

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Brian & Heather Grafton

What made you decide to give over and above your volunteer fees to the Carpenter's Club?

Brian: We have seen firsthand how ASP is run on a "shoe-string" budget to maximize the service to families in need. What we pay to get to ASP and volunteer basically covers building supplies, food and summer staff salaries (which, I can tell you, was pretty meager when I was on staff back in 1998 and 2000!) But the needs in Appalachia don't go away after our week of volunteering! There is year-round service and also much work that goes on behind the scenes to make the summer successful. We could give to many other worthy organizations, but ASP is so important to us and we have such a personal connection that it just feels right to give regularly through the Carpenter's Club.

This year, we received a note that you wanted to increase your monthly giving even more — what prompted that?

Heather: Brian and I have seen in the last few years how the economy has hit our friends here in Northern Virginia. And since we knew families in Appalachia were already hurting, we knew the need there must be greater than ever.

Brian: We also realized nothing is getting cheaper. Supplies,

gas, everything that is needed to do this work is getting more expensive every year. So we just thought it was time to step up our giving. Giving to ASP is part of our call as Christians to give; we consider it part of our tithing. ✂

WOW! Amazing friends like this are what we mean when we say ASP has the absolute BEST donors and volunteers anywhere. We are so proud to be in partnership with such great people. Also, we send a big CONGRATULATIONS to Brian & Heather on the recent birth of their son, Jake. He's on track for ASP 2025 — so we're looking forward to seeing Jake on one of our summer teams then!

You can be the hands and feet of Christ to the needy in Central Appalachia — join The Carpenter's Club today!

\$18.75 a month (\$225 a year)

Insulate one room and make it warmer for the winter

\$150 a month (\$1800 a year)

Build a wheelchair ramp for an elderly or disabled person

\$84 a month (\$1008 a year)

Replace a leaky, rotting roof to keep a family dry

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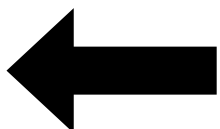
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