



Will you help ease Joe's burden?

Joe* spends his days in a wheelchair now, after being diagnosed with CIDP—an autoimmune disorder that attacks the body's nerves, causing significant weakness in a person's arms and legs. Unfortunately, he ran out of funds six years ago after having a few repairs made to his home. Now, any extra income he has must go towards medical treatment and bills. And his income is already limited, just \$1,400 per month from disability.

ASP staff has been to Joe's home and know that his needs are significant, but with your help and some volunteer labor, all the repairs needed are possible.

"Since I am on a fixed income, I cannot afford to get anything else done. And I just don't know what else to do. I still have a mortgage payment to the bank...I'm stuck in a house I can't repair physically or financially. If I were physically able, I would be working, as well as maintaining my home. I've been confined to the wheelchair since 2011, so everything has gotten worse. I'm just out of options."

Joe's home, like so many others in Appalachia, needs to be made wheelchair accessible. His current ramp is so steep that he must pull himself up it with a rope. His kitchen needs to be made accessible as well, so

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"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

—Matthew 11:28

Walter's Corner



Friends,

I am continually amazed at the willingness of our volunteers and supporters to step up when needed. You love ASP, service to others, and the mission of giving families a warm, safe, and dry place to live. During the past 20 months of worldwide pandemic, you have helped us take on the daunting challenge of sustaining ASP's ministry, while continuing to meet the housing needs of families in Central Appalachia. I am happy to report that ASP has weathered these difficult times, and we could not have done it without YOU!

I have a sign in my office that reads, "Jesus is a volunteer." That sign means a lot to me as I firmly believe that volunteer service is the highest form of Christian discipleship. Being a willing servant demonstrates spiritual maturity—being like Jesus. And Jesus was, first and foremost, a servant. Jesus said that he did not come into this world to be served, but to serve, and to give his life for us.

During this season of Christmas, as I reflect on the birth of Christ, I cannot help but think about that day in the realms of heaven when Jesus, seeing the vast need of the world, stepped forward and said, "I volunteer!" Now I know that may be a little simplistic theologically but in essence, that's what happened. The greatest need the world has ever known was met through the cry of a newborn baby at that first Christmas. Jesus volunteered to serve and to give his life for us. Christmas, my friends, is about giving, about volunteering, and about serving. At this most wonderful time of the year, will you follow the example of Jesus and volunteer to serve?

As the world works its way out of the pandemic, churches across our country are starting to gather again. For many groups, it has been difficult to reorganize and energize their ASP efforts. Our registrations are not where we would like for them to be for our summer 2022 program. We have families that have been waiting over two years for desperately needed repairs. Our list of applications for repairs has never been greater.

We must find a way to help our churches and other groups come back to Central Appalachia. You can help by challenging your church or group to step out in faith and register to volunteer next summer. And if you can't volunteer, your financial support will help us recruit and supply the materials needed so that more volunteers can serve in 2022.

May God richly bless you this Christmas season, so that you may continue to be a blessing to those in need in Central Appalachia,

—Walter B. Crouch, President/CEO

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that he can cook and clean for himself. And his roof is leaking, causing issues with the interior of his home, particularly the subflooring which is uneven and disintegrating from continual water damage. As you can imagine, being in a wheelchair and trying to navigate uneven floors can be very difficult.

As hard as Joe's situation may seem, we know that God cares for him, just like he cares for you and me. We trust that God will make a way for Joe's burdens to be eased through the compassionate care of his people and their willingness to be the hands and feet of Jesus this Christmas season.

**Name changed to protect family's privacy*



Damage caused by leaking roof



Help ASP build Joe a ramp!

Is God calling you to GO?

Volunteer testimony by Emily Beal

I'm a Senior. That means senior trip. You know, multiple theme parks, New York Cruise, something beyond fun. Then I heard we were doing a Mission Trip. Don't get me wrong. I really wanted to go on a mission trip, but not as my senior trip. It did not sound like fun, and it was a lot of work.



I packed the biggest luggage I own, woke up at 5:30 AM, and got into a cramped van. Nine hours later I arrived at a camp full of dirt and bugs. "Why did I decide to come?"

Day one, I got to the worksite and met our homeowner. She looked so broken. I saw pain in her eyes that unfortunately looked too familiar. Her story matched mine in a lot of ways.

She named her brokenness and we prayed with her. That's when God started chipping away at that bratty perspective I had about the trip. I began to really think about why I was there instead of thinking about myself.

By the end of the week, we finished her wheelchair ramp, and she was elated. Her entire demeanor had changed, and her eyes looked a little less sad. My eyes were a little less sad too. In fact, the work I was doing brought me the most happiness I've had in a long time.

The ASP trip was the best way to spend my senior trip. The friendships and memories I made will be lasting and I finally understand that my calling is to the mission field. Yesterday at a prayer meeting, I kept saying it, I kept hearing it, I kept feeling it. God put a desire in my heart to continue to GO. And I will.

Your Summer 2021 Impact

**179 families—435 people.
4,001 volunteers.**

That's how many lives you impacted this summer by offering help and hope to Central Appalachians in need.

People like Wilma.

"I needed help because I had 13 steps to get in my home and I'm going blind. ASP made my life a lot easier and I really enjoyed the company of the young volunteers. They built me a ramp and made it possible for me to stay in my house. I feel very safe going down the ramp and I can even carry in my groceries now."



And Joy and William.

"So thankful for a new roof. We don't have buckets sitting around on the furniture because of a leaking roof anymore. We thank ASP and the volunteers from the bottom of our hearts."



6,679 families are praying right now for friends like you to come serve with ASP.

Register now
ASPHome.org/Summer2022

*Transformation awaits ...
for youth, adults, and families*

Leave a legacy— become an **ASP Hero**!

What is an **ASP Hero**? Someone who supports ASP in a three-pronged way.

ASP Heroes ensure that more homes are made warmer, safer, and drier by volunteering themselves or supporting an ASP volunteer group. They provide monthly financial support to ASP as part of the Carpenter's Club. And they create lasting impact, safeguarding ASP's future, by including ASP in their legacy plans.

Become an **ASP Hero** now and you'll receive:

- » Special ASP nametag to wear when volunteering or participating in ASP events
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- » ASP Hero coffee mug

Which piece of the puzzle are YOU missing?



VOLUNTEER/SUPPORTER

Volunteer or provide support to volunteer groups participating with ASP

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Join ASP's monthly giving program—the Carpenter's Club

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Your gifts change lives

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