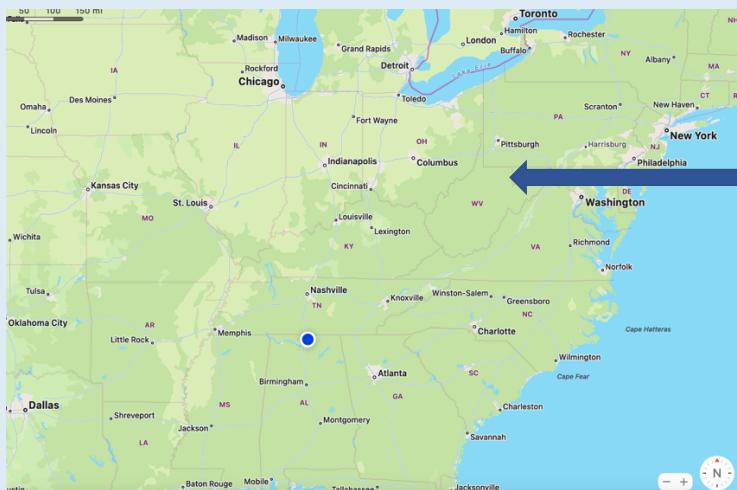


WEST VIRGINIA MISSIONS TRIP EXPERIENCE

June 13 - 20, 2026



“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

❧ Isaiah 58:6-9b ❧

THE NEED

West Virginia is a place of breathtaking beauty—and deep brokenness. Fairmont, located in north-central West Virginia, sits in the heart of Appalachia, a region shaped by rugged terrain, economic hardship, and cultural isolation. Once sustained by the coal industry, many communities now face chronic unemployment, aging infrastructure, limited resources, and generational poverty. As jobs have disappeared, so have opportunities, leaving many families struggling to meet daily needs.

While Christianity is respected in Appalachian culture, many people have little to no ongoing connection to the church. In some counties, as many as 80% of residents are unchurched.

The needs in north-central West Virginia are both physical and spiritual. Needs include homes in disrepair, families living day-to-day with limited support, and people who are disconnected from gospel-centered community. This is why the Lord continues to call his church to serve in West Virginia.

THE MINISTRY

Impact WV is a Christ-centered mercy ministry serving the Fairmont community through partnership with Dayspring Camp & Conference Center and the Front Porch Church (a local PCA church plant).

The ministry focuses on:

- Home repair and construction projects
- VBS in local neighborhoods
- Evangelism
- Prayerful presence and encouragement
- Serving families with dignity and respect

Rather than prioritizing tasks over people, the ministry in West Virginia seeks to model the love of Christ by putting people ahead of projects, serving rather than being served, and pointing everything to Christ. The goal is not simply repaired homes, but transformed lives through the gospel of Jesus Christ.



THE MISSION TRIP EXPERIENCE

A mission trip to Fairmont is intentionally relational and often life changing. Team members stay together at Dayspring Camp while traveling daily to project sites. Each day includes:

- Personal and team devotions
- Prayer and worship
- Hands-on construction or service projects
- Meaningful interaction with host families
- Evening debriefing, reflection, and prayer

Participants work hard, but always with space to listen, pray, and love well. Teams are encouraged to:

- Pray with homeowners
- Sit on porches and hear stories
- Share meals, laughter, and encouragement
- Model Christ through words, actions, and attitudes

This is not a “fix-it” trip. It is an invitation to enter someone else’s world, serve with humility, and trust the Lord to work in both those who are served and those who serve. Many team members return home changed: renewed in faith, more dependent on God, and energized for life and ministry.

THE COST

The cost for the trip will be \$950. In addition to this, you will need to pay for four or five meals and a whitewater rafting trip (\$65-\$75).

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION

- A minimum goal of ten and a maximum of 20 people.
- The trip is first come, first served!

FAQ

- Who can participate? Approved persons aged 13 and up. Younger children may attend with a parent if they can do the work.
- Do I need construction experience? No. Tasks are appropriate for all skill levels. A willingness to serve, learn, and love people well is far more important.
- Is this trip safe? Safety is a top priority. Each team includes a Safety Advisor, receives daily guidance, and follows established safety procedures.
- What will we be doing? Primarily home repair and light construction, along with prayer, relational ministry, and encouragement of families and children. It is also possible that our team could run a VBS in a local park or neighborhood.
- How many meetings before and after the trip should I expect? There will be four meetings before the trip and one afterwards.
- Since it’s in the US, is this really a mission trip? Oh Yes! Many of the same hardships and joys of overseas missions are apparent on this trip.
- Do I need any shots to participate? Yes. You must have a tetanus booster within the last ten years.



- What about a packing list? Packing details, a specific trip schedule, and more will be available as part of the team training and preparation.
- What resources will we have to pay for the trip? The Westminster Huntsville Mission Team will contribute up to 40% of the trip cost. The exact amount is dependent on how much money is available in the Short-Term Missions Fund and the number of participants going on trips. You will need to raise the rest through fundraising letters, odd jobs, emptying your piggy bank (or your parents' piggy bank), etc.
- What if I have further questions about this trip? Contact Pastor St. John, who will be leading the trip.



TO APPLY

- If interested, please go to <https://wpc-hsv.org/missions> and click on the box that says, "Short-term Trip Application." Please fill it out and save it. You may then email it to Pastor St John or print a copy and give it to him.
- Applications are due by March 15, 2026.
- If approved, a \$200 deposit will be due by March 29. You will receive an email with more information regarding meeting dates, a permission form, and this deposit when approved.