

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH - A PLACE OF GRACE

The Call to Appalachia

Mission Trip to Booneville, KY

Trip Report

2009



He called them to
go into Jerusalem,
Samaria, and to the
uttermost parts of
the earth...



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Twenty-eight people on the Mission Team traveled to Booneville, KY, for a week of outreach, ministry, and fellowship.

Many more people in the church and community served on the Mission Team in other capacities, such as supporting the fundraising efforts, providing food and clothing for the Booneville ministries, and keeping the Team in their daily prayers.

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| 1. Elaine Bryant | 15. Robert McClean |
| 2. Kenneth Bryant | 16. Anna McMichael |
| 3. Bonnie Goode | 17. Faith Melear |
| 4. David Goode | 18. Kayla Loiver |
| 5. Haleigh Herring | 19. Barbara Petty |
| 6. Hether Herring | 20. Kyle Petty |
| 7. Katie Hughes | 21. Melody Petty |
| 8. Houston Hutcheson | 22. Kylee Petty |
| 9. Kacie Landers | 23. Mandy Rigney |
| 10. Pat Long | 24. Steve Roper |
| 11. Kay Long | 25. Laurie Searle |
| 12. Alex Lopez | 26. Margaret Tyre |
| 13. Bobby Lyle | 27. Mihai Tyre |
| 14. Ann McLean | 28. Ken Waldrup |



The Providence Baptist Church bus left for Booneville, Kentucky at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 30. Robert McClean served as the bus driver and his wife Anne provided support.

Also in the caravan were two pick-up trucks and service trailers driven by Kenneth Bryant and David Goode, and a van driven by Kay Long.

The trip to Booneville and back was approximately 755 miles.



“Together for Hope,” is a twenty-year commitment by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to offer hope to people in and around the nation’s 20 poorest counties, all located in rural areas.



We arrived at the Mission Center around 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, and immediately began to settle in for the week.

Center Director Susie Lacefield took us on a tour which included the food place, kitchen, guest rooms, clothing distribution place in the historic jail.



Parks of Owsley County looks very similar to Chattahoochee Hills, with its rolling pastures and rural scenery. Many of the barns we saw were stained black, and a few even had quilt patterns painted on them.

Downtown Booneville looked much more like a small town than Chattahoochee Hills. It had a city square, several churches, banks, and other businesses, including our favorites – the Dollar Store, Dooley’s Diner, and Shop Wise.



The men split into two groups for the planned construction projects which included:

- An unfinished home with work on the attic, stairway, and back porch,
- An electric panel, which needed replacing, and
- A window in a mobile home, which needed replacing.

They also received a blessing from a stranger who lent them a generator.



Several construction projects came to our attention during our stay and the men responded by:

- Adding a light in the Center's kitchen
- Repairing a light in the Clothing Place
- Repairing swings at the Housing Project
- Repairing a door handle at the Center
- Adding an outdoor outlet in a building



Providence Baptist Youth led the Vacation Bible School at a nearby housing project. Their activities included:

- Crafts
- Games
- Lunch
- Wellness
- One-on-One Time

Youth Minister Ken Waldrop reported that two children came to the Lord during VBS.



The Mission Team provided support to two Ministries run by Emma Quire Mission Center:

- The Food Ministry provides free food to eligible citizens. Providence Youth and Ladies helped organize the food on shelves and in boxes.
- The Clothing Ministry provides free clothing to eligible citizens. Providence Ladies helped organize the baby cloths.



The Mission Team had several outreach activities while in Booneville including:

- Delivering hand-made lap quilts made by Ms. Betty Perry & Dessie Kinser to residents at the Retirement Home
- Bringing music and fellowship to the Senior Center
- Visit with local horticulturalist “Crazy James” to learn about local medicinal plants



Fellowship activities gave the Mission Team opportunities to better know each other and the residents of Booneville. The activities included:

- Block Park
- Music
- Fashion Show by our youth
- Walking Around the town
- Meals



The Mission Team was very fortunate to have three nurses in our group who provided wellness sessions and minor first aid during our stay. Their activities included:

- CPR class by Kay Long
- Free Blood Pressure to the Team and Residents
- Personal attention to those who had a few aches and pains
- Support for Mother's Day at the Church



On a rainy Thursday morning, the Providence Baptist Youth took an excursion to the Natural Bridge, at a nearby park.

As they walked the trail to the bridge, Mandy Rigney, who is a forestry student, identified several plants and wonderful rock formations.

The group worked up an appetite after reaching the top, and then rejoiced in the announcement that they were going to Dairy Queen for lunch.

Happy Birthday Song

By First Baptist Church

We wish you a Happy Birthday,
 May your future days be bright,
 May the love of God's sweet sunshine,
 Fill your life with heavenly light,
 May God's presence ever cheer you,
 May his blessings be your store,
 Happy Birthday Greetings to you,
 And we wish you many more.

Sung to the tune of: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Worship was a special experience in Booneville. Our activities included:

- Daily Devotionals led by our Mission Team members
- The Lord's Supper delivered by Ken Waldrop
- The service at First Baptist Church where the congregation sang a special birthday song



The trip to Booneville was a special experience for both seasoned members of the Mission Team as well as first timers.

After the long trip home, the Team was delighted to be greeted by Pastor Tyre, family members, and other friends.

Booneville Resident Receives Blessing from Mission Fund

On the last day of the mission trip, Mission Coordinator Elaine Bryant informed the group about a family that needed a refrigerator before they could move from the housing projects into a home. She said that the Providence Baptist Mission fund was able to purchase a refrigerator for the family.

One week after returning home from the mission trip, Elaine informed the Team that the family had since purchased a refrigerator and had moved out of the housing project into a home.