

APPALACHIAN EXPERIENCE 1998



St. Joseph parishioners Dan Fejes, Ben Kotkowski & Wendy Trares participated with the group from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Aurora, July 25-August 1. Other participants included Don Gailewicz, Sr. Lu Haidnick, Chris Cimaelia, Lou Robinson, Pat Gram, and Kathy Anderson. The group worked on installation of a walkway & stairs. They also put in a water tank for homeowner Sally who hadn't had running water in nine years due to coal company's strip mining that changed the water table twice.



The group visited The Breaks Interstate Park and parishioners of the parish hosted a picnic for the volunteers during the week.

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A group of 20 attended as St. Joseph began it's own week with the Housing Repair Program in Clintwood, Virginia. The tasks for the volunteers included installing a new deck & ramp for Aurora, roof repairs for Connie, and lots of painting at Rita Belle's along with flooring, fireproof wallboard around stove. In addition they also worked on Johnny & Mary's porch roof, and did some painting of crawl space area. A pool party at one of the parishioner's home entertained the participants which included Wendy & George Trares, Bob, Kathy & Dan Fejes, Erin Tayerle, Jim Fields, Ken Puchowicz, Ben, Alice & Ross Kotkowski, Tom Horvath, Lauren & Allyson Krupar, Barbara Jaynes, Linda Dvorak, Marie & Erin Minard, Bill Curtin, Alex Kavouras. Breaks Inter-State Park, entertainment by Ken Childress, a talk from John Porter, a former coal miner, and chip mill industry information from Geraldine Scardo where also a part of the week.



APPALACHIAN EXPERIENCE 2000



Two trips were made to Clintwood in 2000 with Dan Fejes, Linda Dvorak, Erin Minard & Erin Tayerle going June 10-17 (little details are available). A group of 17 took part July 29-August 5. Several jobs were tackled by Wendy, George, Kathi Trares, Erin Tayerle, T.J. Dick, Jim Fields, Erin & Marie Minard, Bill Curtin, Alex Kavouras, Aaron Burnett, Lauren Krupar, Ben, Liz, Alice & Ross Kotkowski, Dan Fejes, Megan Zuver. The newly installed ramp of Billy & Myrtle Mullins was made safer with rolled roofing installed for traction. Nina's deck was re-stained, trailer skirting was repainting, and wiring & roof improvements were made. The home of Sandra DeLouch had caulking, electrical, window blinds, clean-up done. Another home had new shingles installed and the Dorothy Baker House, St. Joseph's Church & Ralph Stanley's homestead got electrical improvements. A visit to The Breaks Interstate Park and attending the Dickenson County Fair were some leisure time activities.

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The group of 19 volunteering their time July 28-August 4 included Erin & Marie Minard, Linda Dvorak, Jennifer Sweet, Dan Fejes, Wendy, Kathi & George Trares, Erin Tayerle, Liz, Alice, Ben & Ross Kotkowski, Cheryl Reville, Jim Fields, Alex Kavouras, Lauren Krupar, Dan Fejes, Megan Zuver. Quite a bit of work was accomplished including painting the outside, bathroom & utility room of Josie Rose's, flooring & window caulking jobs at Rebel Spahn's & phone line, rat-wire installation, and AC repairs at Jarvis' home. Stair railing was put up at a home and a bedroom ceiling and gutters were installed at another home of an elderly lady on oxygen. Due to heavy rains an emergency job arose with volunteers making repairs to the roof & bedroom ceiling that had fallen in. Attendance at the Dickenson County Fair included a performance by bluegrass legend Ralph Stanley. Megan Zuver then stayed the rest of the summer to assist with the program.



APPALACHIAN EXPERIENCE 2002

The June 29-July 6 trip had a small group of four attending which included Marie & Erin Minard, Bill Curtin & Erin Tayerle. No details or photos are available at this time.

APPALACHIAN EXPERIENCE 2004

No group participating in the Housing Repair Program in 2004.