



Short-term mission
with long term vision!

FAIRMONT, *West Virginia* - 2020

Purpose: Impact WV is an exciting and rewarding outreach ministry, designed to encourage and equip those with no mission experience or to challenge those who have done it for years (we have many teams who have returned 15+ years). It is well suited for high school & middle school groups, college students, families with children and all adult teams as well. The work is set in and around the beautiful city of Fairmont, which is in the heart of West Virginia's "coal country". This is a unique culture that will inspire and reward everyone open to investing in it. Teams serve together in both Word and deed! Homes are repaired, handicap decks and ramps are built and children's lives are encouraged through Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Back Yard Bible Clubs. Relationship building is the key to positive ministry growth and it's through these relationships that doors open for sharing the Gospel. Team building and individual Christian growth are natural consequences of loving others and serving together in Kingdom building!

Additional ministry opportunities: In addition to VBS/Backyard Bible clubs; sports camps, tutoring, one-on-one evangelism, working with the elderly and serving in the kitchen at camp, *there is a ministry for everyone!* Unique ministry equipping and team building occur as the Gospel is lived out in practical ways.

Age/Level of experience: All ages and stages are welcome! We encourage mixed adult/youth teams and families. The broader the range of skills and abilities the greater the ministry flexibility the team can have. Younger children are welcome, but parents and the team are responsible for their care and supervision. This project is excellent for a first-time mission experience, but also provides unique servant heart development for more experienced mission teams (over 70% of our teams have returned multiple years).

Dates:

POT*- May 1-2
June 13-20
June 20-27
July 11-18
July 18-25
July 25-Aug 1



Travel: Teams are responsible for travel to Fairmont and to/from the worksite.

Food & Lodging: Impact WV teams stay at Dayspring Camp and Conference Center (DCCC), which has bunk beds, open bay cabins along with some divided cabins for small families and groups. The camp can hold approximately 175 participants per week. Teams will need to bring towels and bed linens/pillow. Breakfast and dinner are served at the camp; sack lunches and water or lemonade are supplied for the work-site.

Dress: The weather in West Virginia varies greatly; bring clothing for both cool and hot weather. (June/late July weather varies the most). T-shirts and long pants are required on the work-site. Modesty is the primary focus. Additional clothing guidelines are provided.

Immunizations & Rules: A tetanus booster within the last ten years is required. Our desire is to provide an atmosphere that encourages safety as you serve the Lord and for the corporate good of all. There are established guidelines for each team member and Protect My Ministry training for ages 13 and up is strongly encouraged.

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Spiritual development: Morning devotion times, opportunities and challenges for service, and group devotions with host families are opportunities which can encourage spiritual growth. A full evening program (for all ages) offers wonderful times for worshiping God through hearing His Word from gifted speakers, singing led by talented musicians and times of prayer and sharing!

Half day off: Wednesday afternoon affords a timely break in the week's schedule. Teams may visit any number of local and state attractions. Bring spending money for the afternoon and for the evening meal.

***Project Orientation Trip (POT): Date - May 1 & 2** New team leaders are required to attend this on-site orientation (others may attend for \$50 per person). This time is essential for team, construction, and ministry preparation. All costs for the POT are covered for team leaders, except for travel to/from Dayspring.

Family & Kitchen Worker Discount Program: We encourage families to be a part our mission trips through family discounts. **The discount applies only to spouses and parents with children attending the project together.** It does not apply to grandparents, siblings attending without a parent, or children attending with a family other than their own. It also does not apply to participants who are receiving a kitchen worker discount (\$195 discount). Please return your forms on time. Late forms may not qualify, as food and other supplies have already been purchased.

Full Price \$495

Couples - Husband pays full price/wife receives \$50 discount

Children - must be attending with a parent; no discounts for 19 and older

Age 13-18 \$445

Age 6-12 \$345

Age 2- 5 \$100 (under 2 are free)



Stories from previous Impact WV Teams:

"On Sunday as we pulled into the church parking lot (a Fairmont church where we have held VBS for 7 years now) three little boys came riding down the street on their bikes, saw our license plates, and immediately turned around and pedaled back up the hill, yelling, "Connecticut's here! Connecticut's here!" These kids have so very few opportunities to experience faithfulness in their lives that the smallest thing, like us coming back every July, is disproportionately important. What we do at VBS in Fairmont really matters. And doing it year after year after year really matters even more."

"One of our home-owners, for whom we've worked twice before, said at the end of the week: "After all these years, I still can't get over the fact that you come all this way just to be with us." Notice that she didn't say, "To work on our houses..." or "To tell us stuff." She recognized that it is all about "being with". She recognized that it is all about Emmanuel--God with us. She recognized that we come because He came, and He still comes, with & through us."

"I praise God that He brought our team to Fairmont again this year. I praise Him that He gives me these small doses of Heavenly glory so that I can remember someday my gaze will be focused on Him without doubts, fears or distraction. I yearn for that day when we shall all see His face and somehow truly see each other as He sees us. I praise God He has given me the rich experience of Fairmont and the pleasure of serving and working for His glory this

Summer. I hope and pray He'll get me there again next year."

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