



# appalachia

crossroads missions

## Locations

Maytown - Floyd County is located 190 miles from Louisville & 188 miles from Knoxville  
Paintsville - Johnson County is 160 miles from Louisville & 140 miles from Knoxville

## Mission Information

### Area Demographics

According to the 2010 census

Floyd County Population: 39,451

26.9% population below poverty level

Median household income: \$29,725

Completed high school: 61.3%

Completed 4 or more years of college: 9.7%

Female-Headed Households w/children in poverty: 66.3%

Johnson County Population: 23,827

26.0% below poverty level

Median household income: \$31,116

Completed high school: 63.8%

Completed a bachelor's degree or higher: 9.3%

### Purpose

CrossRoads Missions desires to partner with area ministries and organizations to improve the standard of living, raise expectations, and find hope in the grace of Christ for families in Eastern Kentucky. We hope to do this with opportunities to build relationships with members of the community through the development and implementation of community activities and assisting in new home construction, renovations and remodeling.

### Cultural Characteristics of the People

Appalachian people or "mountain people" are determined, strong and proud people. Family is a significant part of one's identity in Appalachian culture. Limited employment opportunities have contributed to economic hardships that have plagued the region for generations. Some employment is available in the mines, schools, hospitals and area businesses, but many are forced to leave the mountains in order to find work. Others become victims of physical, drug and substance abuse after losing hope in themselves and others.



### Partners

#### *Maytown Center*

The Maytown Center exists to offer hope and is a place of healing. Based on the belief that God has created and uniquely gifted people, the Maytown Center provides opportunities for discovering and sharing talents. It is a place where everyone is encouraged to offer gifts and time and be willing to receive from the help and gifts of others. There are various community, art, youth & fitness programs, camps and programs that address addictions.

#### *Mountain Community Fellowship*

MCF seeks to reach the world with the good news of the gospel, starting with the city of Paintsville, KY and the surrounding areas. They strive to lead others to Christ and to encourage the spiritual growth of all their members in two ways: age, gender, or topic specific activities and all age-inclusive community groups. In addition, they seek to offer their surrounding neighbors hope through various outreach programs.

## Schedule

A typical week or weekend includes:

**Praise/devotions/teaching** - Since worship is the focus of the week, we have times of praise, personal devotions, small groups and teaching to prepare and challenge us throughout the week.

**Construction projects** - CrossRoads staff lead you in a wide variety of construction projects for people of all skill levels. Trained staff and interns supervise home repair work including bathroom remodels, wheelchair ramp construction, roofing, painting and other various jobs.

**Community programs** - During the week your group will also spend time ministering with the youth and local families in youth and community events through the Maytown Center/Mountain Community Fellowship. We host day camps, community game nights and meals at the Maytown Center and in local housing communities. Evening activities include cookouts, game nights, local concerts and other activities to experience the culture and impact the community.

**Fellowship** - During the week you will spend time in fellowship with one another and the staff of CrossRoads Missions as well as local community members.



## Cost

The participant fee covers supplies for construction, outreach, lodging, meals and supplies for worship and devotions. This DOES NOT include transportation, travel meals or snacks and admission to state parks.

Week Long     \$350.00 per person  
Weekend        \$150.00 per person

## Transportation

CrossRoads does not provide transportation for this field. Your group is required to use its vehicles to travel to/from the work sites and living facilities. Due to traveling to various locations throughout the week, this field is not accessible by bus. Should you have transportation needs, contact the field staff for suggested providers.

## Lodging

While in Appalachia you will stay at the Maytown Center/Mountain Community Fellowship. The facilities include dorm rooms, bathrooms, showers, a kitchen, meeting area, picnic shelter and play ground.

## Meals

While in Appalachia, your meals will be provided by CrossRoads Missions. Additional money is needed for meals while you travel and for any other personal purchases.

## Age Requirements

Appalachia trips are open to students entering the 7th grade through adults. We ask for a 3:1 student to adult ratio for middle school groups and a 4:1 ratio for high school groups. Students younger than 7th grade are welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent and have permission by the Appalachia Field staff. Family groups are also welcome.



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