

Dear Volunteer or Volunteer Coordinator!



We are excited to have your interest in the Catalyst Missions Hope for Appalachia projects. God is mobilizing volunteers for His work in the mountain “hollers” of the Copper Basin area.

We are excited to continue to focus a bulk of our efforts on supporting the Copper Basin Crisis Center in Ducktown, TN. Missionaries Al and Margaret Patterson have been reaching needy mountain people with gifts of mercy and the good news of Jesus Christ in this area for more than 25 years.

We are also excited to be a part of encouraging churches that often have limited resources or just need a helping hand in touching their communities. I praise God for the faithful pastors that preach a clear Gospel to their communities.

The group God is gathering together for this year’s Christmas outreach is growing. As it grows we want to be careful to strategically use the volunteers God raises to have the highest impact. Attached to this letter are the important things you need to know.

To God’s Praise and Glory!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew B. Brown".

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Attached:
Trip Details and Timeline
Schedule
Flyer

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FAMILY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO APPALACHIA

As part of the Catalyst Missions Umbrella Program *Hope for Appalachia*

December 11-13, 2009 & December 18-21, 2009

Copper Basin Area : Ducktown/Copperhill, TN and surrounding areas

What Volunteers are needed?

- Families!
- Children of school age and up may travel with a parent or guardian. Younger children may travel but they will have limited ability to participate.
- Teens are encouraged
- Adults of all ages encouraged
- Equippers – those that can't travel but can give

Types of projects for volunteers:

- Assistance with organization and food ministry at Crisis Center (teens, kids, adults)
- Shut-In and Nursing Home Ministries- Christmas Programs (teens, kids, adults)
- Small construction projects for needy families (Men's team/father & sons)
- Church outreach project partnerships (Rallies, Happy Birthday Jesus Block Parties - all ages needed)
- Food Service for the team! (Need cook teams)

Costs for volunteers traveling

Cost for first 40 slots held: \$50 per person*

Cost for additional slots \$65 per person*

Trip Cost Includes

- Mission leadership with over 20 years experience in working in the Copper Basin Area
- Extensive pre-trip on-site research & planning by Catalyst leaders
- Two Biblically-based training sessions prior to departure
- Promotional Items for your church
- Two to Three-Nights Lodging in camp-style accommodations (bunks, hot water showers, central HVAC)
- Pre-screened mission projects with a Catalyst representative at each site
- Volunteer missions insurance for emergency evacuation, disability
- Group team-building exercises and constant debriefing/application of missions
- This is a mission trip in a box – all you need is to train up, pray up and show up!

To Keep Costs Low:

- Individuals and/or churches are expected to provide their own transportation
- Food service will be on rotational basis- churches will handle food bill and prep
- Costs of light construction projects will be funded separately

Equippers (those that can't travel but want to sponsor)

- Needy Mountain family Christmas Fund \$50 increments
- Needy Mountain family construction project fund \$50 increments
- Sponsor a Traveler

*Love Offering Gifts to the Mission

Catalyst Missions mobilizes individuals and churches to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ. Our ministry is not supported by denominational funds nor a large endowment/bank account. Much like a traveling evangelist or singing group, we depend on gifts for salaries and expenses. Most of this trip is being run on a hard-cost basis. We would appreciate churches and/or individuals that are able to

- 1) take a one-time love offering for our ministry
- 2) consider sponsoring a Catalyst missionary monthly for a year (adopt a missionary!)

Your gifts of this manner allow us to continue in this ministry and help others fulfill the Great Commission.

Timeline

FAMILY TRIP		
Open Interest		
Period	May-June-July-August	
Early Bird Deposits/Hold		
Slots	1-Sep	\$10 per head/non-ref.
2nd Payment/Names and Applications	1-Nov	\$20 per head/non-ref.
West Tennessee Training Date 1/Reelfoot Baptist 4PM	1-Nov	
West Tennessee Training Date 2/Central Baptist (tent) 4PM	6-Dec	
Middle Tennessee Training Dates TBD		
Final Payment Due	6-Dec	
Arrival Date/Check	18-Dec	

To Hold Spots

Please send your non-refundable deposit of \$10 a person to:

Catalyst Missions Middle Tennessee Office/HQ
 3404 Haynes Cove
 Spring Hill, TN 37174

Please include your church coordinator or point of contact

- Name
- Telephone
- E-Mail

Andrew will contact your church coordinator with further information and forms.

Packing List

Toiletries and Towel

Bedding (sleeping bag or similar – beds will be bunk style)
Work Clothes
Sunday Clothes
Bible
Ministry Supplies (puppets, crafts, etc)
Food Prep Items (groceries available on the ground)
Construction and Tool Items (some supplies)

To Read More/Web Links

Copper Basin and Ducktown Basin History

<http://www.glennsprings-copperbasinproject.com/history.htm>

http://www.tnhistoryforkids.org/places/ducktown_basin

One of the camps where we will stay owned by Morganton Baptist Association

<http://www.morgantonmountaintownmissions.org/templates/System/details.asp?id=20282&PID=30666>

Article about Al and Margaret Patterson

<http://www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asp?ID=24667>

Information about some of our trips to Copper Basin

<http://catalystmissions.org/projects/appalachia.php>

<http://catalystmissions.org/tn-12-08.php>

http://www.catalystmissions.org/pdf/Andrew_Newsletter_Jan_2007.pdf

Potential Churches –

Coletown Baptist Church– Copperhill

Mine City Baptist Church – Ducktown

Crosspoint Church – Ellijay

Crossover Church – Blue Ridge

THE COPPER BASIN STORY BACKGROUND:

The Copper Basin comprises Ducktown, Copperhill and McCaysville (GA), three small towns located in extreme Southeastern Tennessee about 60 miles due east of Chattanooga. Gold prospectors discovered copper in this area in the mid-1800's. With the advent of better transportation and improvements in mining technology, this area boomed for more than 125 years before beginning a gradual decline in the late 1970's.

With industry shrinking and many core families fleeing the area, the residual people of the "Basin" are now often alone and forgotten. These mountain people are further isolated in a county comprised of more than 70% national forest, and by a dangerous two-lane road through the famous Ocoee River gorge. Polk County consistently ranks as the one the two poorest counties in Tennessee.



Now, like many other coal-mining and gold-mining sister scattered throughout Appalachia, the Basin reels with abject poverty, functional illiteracy, lack of jobs, and minimal human services.

Established churches and access to the Gospel are present, but the poor and illiterate are often uncomfortable in the stayed churches. The Copper Basin Crisis center is the functional church of many of these people.

Your help is needed to address the needs of the Copper Basin.

COPPER BASIN STORY FEATURES:

Mary and Bridgett: representing the many needy and overlooked of these mountain communities. This is their story.

Margaret Patterson: Margaret and her husband Al have worked in the Copper Basin all their lives. For the last 15 years they have, through relationships and giving, ministered to multiple families through the Copper Basin Crisis Center. Catalyst desires to help them in this work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ken Rush: Ken has been curator of the Ducktown Basin Museum for almost 20 years. Ken is active in the community and knows well the stories of the people.

Andrew Brown: Andrew grew up in the Copper Basin roaming the hills as a young man and graduating from Copper Basin High School in 1991. While he didn't know it at the time, God would never let him really "leave" the Basin. In the last 15 years Andrew has led multiple volunteer teams back to his hometown seeking to make a long-term difference in the lives of his people both spiritually and physically.

Davis Watson: Filmmaker and producer Davis Watson visited the Copper Basin multiple times in his youth and returned with Andrew to tell the Copper Basin story. Davis was given full creative license on the cut and storyline of this film.



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