



## Flood Relief & Recovery Mission Trips in the Appalachian Mountains of Eastern Kentucky

In late July and continuing into August, record amounts of persistent



rain caused widespread flooding and devastation in Eastern Kentucky. The deluge of rain caused rivers to crest at record levels which flooded homes, roads, and anything in their path throughout hundreds of small Appalachian communities in Eastern Kentucky. Power outages have been rampant, people trapped, roads destroyed and lives upended. When the sun came out and the heat of the summer reappeared, hundreds of thousands of people discovered their homes and belongings damaged or destroyed. In many cases, these Appalachian's livelihoods were affected. The physical and emotional toll on the local people continues to be extreme.

Thirst Missions serves year-round in this area of Appalachia, where nine of the thirty poorest counties in the United States exist. Our hearts go out to the people of Eastern Kentucky that we know and love. In many cases, those affected by the flood are our friends and ministry partners. Thus, we are inviting you to bring a group to help provide some hands and some necessary provisions to sustain and help people recover. Our Kentucky friends need all the help they can get to help repair and clean-up their homes, businesses, and communities. Ultimately, these folks need love and encouragement after having been through so much heartache and devastation.



**Who:** Groups of **6+ people** with willing hands and hearts are invited to serve on **5-day mission trips** in Eastern Kentucky from August to mid-November of 2022.

These are private mission trips with just your group working and serving together, guided by a Thirst Missions staff member. Your mission team may plug into larger recovery efforts and agencies but will remain a separate team.

Thirst Missions has ministry partners and connections throughout the region and is uniquely positioned to lead relief and recovery trips in Eastern Kentucky.

**Cost:** \$399/person



**Where:** Our teams will serve and stay in numerous areas throughout Eastern Kentucky. They include many of the most impacted areas, such as Whitesburg, Hindman, Hazard, Jackson, the outskirts of Williamsburg, and dozens of smaller devastated communities.

### **What will we do?**

We'll spend the mission trip helping with repair and recovery. Clean-up, service projects, food and supply donations, and mercy ministry, will be our focus while encouraging and loving on the local people as Jesus' hands and feet.

### **What's Included?**

- Appalachia Ministry Partner
- Experienced Thirst Missions Staff Member to Guide Your Trip
- Cultural Orientation & Immersion
- Guest House Lodging\*
- Delicious Meals & Snacks
- Purified Drinking Water
- Evening Worship, Debrief and Planning Meetings
- Optional Final-Day Recreation
- Full hour-by hour itinerary
- 8+ hours of relief and recovery ministry/day
- List of potential donation items to bring or provide

\*Most teams will lodge at a guesthouse with AC, in some locations, only a floor stay is possible.

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