Dear Family & Friends,

If you aren’t aware, I am feeling called to go on a Mission Trip to help elderly and disabled. Many in our country suffer silently in poverty. Such is the case in Appalachia where many cannot find work and experience firsthand the realities of poverty in the United States. We have seen from those who have gone before us the difference one person can make in the lives of those who feel alone, afraid, and forgotten.

Living Hope Church has been sending teams to Appalachia since 2012. This year we have a group (adults, teens and children) traveling to Blackwater, VA June 26 – July 2 to work with Mountain Heritage Missions. Mountain Heritage Missions works with local sponsoring churches to identify families in greatest need and then matches the abilities of volunteers to work with them throughout the week. We will be doing various tasks (roofing, painting, building decks, fixing leaks, yard work) and establishing relationships. Together with our children, we hope we can shine the light of Jesus and make an impact for the Kingdom.

As you can imagine, there are a lot of spiritual and logistical needs for the trip. We’d really value your prayers for us and the team in the coming months. Please pray…

* That God would unify and prepare the team from Living Hope.
* That all the funds and travel logistics would come together.
* That childcare arrangements for those staying home would come together smoothly.
* That God would work through His people to rebuild those families we will serve.

We know that this will be an incredible opportunity for us. Whatever small contribution we are able to make to God’s work in Appalachia will be far exceeded by how we will personally be touched and humbled. We are eager to see how God uses this trip in our lives as well as the life of our church family.

The cost of the trip is $270 for adults (ages 13 and up) and $185 (ages 12 and under) which includes our food, lodging, and construction fees while in Blackwater. We will have additional transportation and food expenses as we travel and while on site. If you feel called to contribute, **Living Hope will be taking up a special donation on May 15th** and I would love you to support the entire Appalachia Mission Team. Checks can be made out to *“Living Hope Church”* with *“Appalachia Mission Trip”* in the memo line and **placed in the black box by May 15th***.* Thank you for standing with us!

In Christ,

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