



FAQ'S FOR OPERATION RECOVERY:

Eastern Tennessee

Join CrossRoads Missions and our church partners as we respond with the love of Christ to those affected by this disaster by serving on the ground with our staff and volunteers.



Can anyone serve?

- Volunteers are needed daily. (Online Registration is required.)
- At this time you must be 18 years old and up to serve.

How do I register for the trip?

- You may register here: <https://bit.ly/40GnNcC> as an individual or as the leader of a group.
- This form contains the release needed that we must have for anyone to participate.
- **This must be filled out by you, and if you are bringing a group, please send this link to them to fill out this required release.**
- **Everyone of each group needs to register.** We are required by our board and insurance company to obtain a release, any known allergies to be concerned about, and if they have health insurance.
- We document skill sets at this point for our team to be prepared with appropriate projects.
- Once we receive this form, we will check it against the available spots and make sure we have the capacity to house you and your group.
- **Please wait on this confirmation email from Tim Anderson, our Associate Director, before finalizing your trip plans.**
- We can accommodate 15-20 at our facility at this time. If you have a larger group, please contact Tim Anderson at tim@crossroadsmissions.com.
- Of course, we know that changes occur. If they do, please communicate with us ASAP.

What is the cost?

- There is no cost for food and lodging. Donations are encouraged as this will allow the effort to continue in the future.

Do I need health insurance?

- Yes, health insurance is required for all participants. If you do not have personal health insurance, you may purchase coverage for your trip at <http://www.gninsurance.com/>.

Where will the overnight lodging and food be served?

- Our housing facility is at:
First Christian Church, 510 Hopkinsville Street, Princeton, KY 42445
- We will shift our housing to this location in the spring:
Appalachia Folk School, 3142 Divide Rd., Mountain City, TN 37683

What are the accommodations?

- The church has large cots. The Folk School has bunk beds
- There is a male and female area as well as shower facilities.
- Food is served there through the church at this time.
- You need to bring your own bedding and toiletries.

How many day(s) may I serve?

- You may serve for one day (no overnight lodging), or several days for any length of time.
- If you come one day, you do not have to stay at night.

What are the goals for Operation Recovery?

- Identify individuals and families in crises whose recovery story we can positively impact.
- Communicate the love of Christ through construction as a stage to engage the community in the recovery.
- Provide economic recovery through project oversight skilled labor, volunteer services, and donated resources.
- Connect our local church partners and all those who serve to one another and to the community.

Should I bring my own tools?

- Tools will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own equipment. You are responsible to keep up with it on the job sites.

What projects will I (we) be working on

- Our on-site project managers and local coordinators will have the construction projects vetted and ready for our service. As of the time of this writing, 68 homes needed to be completely rebuilt, and over 100 repair jobs have been vetted.

What skills are needed?

- Obviously, there is a need for those familiar with construction so skilled (professional and DIY) is much appreciated. However, anyone willing and able to serve is invited to come.

Who will I (we) be working with?

- You will work with our professional staff and local coordinators. We are partnering with many agencies to rehab and rebuild new homes as needed in the area.

Where will I (we) be working?

- Our focus is on Johnson County, TN. Although it received less publicity than some of the other areas affected by Hurricane Helena, it was devastated.

FYI

Check out First Christian Church Mountain City Facebook page for ongoing efforts.

<https://www.facebook.com/FCCMountainCity/>

Note the Jan 14, 2025 update video by the Pastor – Dwayne

<https://www.facebook.com/FCCMountainCity/videos/503591882749284>

Here is a recent news article with information and flooding footage.

https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/johnson-county-leaders-hope-recovery-takes-off-in-2025/?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=socialflow&fbclid=IwY2xjawH3atVleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHYEdD_ttwMIhlq5N4cy4ztTk206IWDN_Ls5_gLCRXPYsyJqUAj0vOc_Apw_aem_IDjWGC3KSyyZxp-mcLL27Q

Project Descriptions so far

- Grade work was done around two homes that were washed out by a creek. The Creek was repositioned back to its original location, and then rock and soil were put in to protect the home in the future.
- Two homes had driveways and culverts replaced.
- On another home all that was left was the garage. That was turned into apartments.
- Two bridges were put back in.

- One was for an 88-year-old lady who lost her bridge. She was using a 16-foot ladder to go down on one side of the creek and then she was carrying the 16-foot ladder to the other side of the creek. Then she would go up the other side to get in and out of her home. The group put in a beautiful little walking bridge across that creek. She no longer has to go up and down the 16-foot ladder to get groceries and to take care of other business.
- We have done wall repairs, plumbing and kitchen cabinets on several homes.
- Tarp covers were placed over several single-wide mobile homes that needed work done on them.
- Materials were provided for a couple of people who said they could do their own work but couldn't afford the materials.
- We've replaced the underpinning on several single-wide mobile homes.
- A family was found who needed a heat pump as it had been washed away, and they could not afford another one. We decided to pay for half of the heat pump for them, and they pay the other half.

Our PARTNERS:

1. First Christian Church
401 W. Main Street
Mountain City, TN 37683
2. Appalachia Folk School (We will likely shift our housing to this location in the spring.)
3142 Divide Rd.
Mountain City, TN 37683
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Others that are a part of the recovery process that we will be working closely with:

3. Appalachia Service Project
4. Eastern Eight
5. UMCOR
6. East Tennessee Development Corp
7. FEMA
8. United Way