

May 21, 2010

Dear Friends,

We are on our way to Breathitt County, Kentucky.

Spend some time looking over all the information found below.

What I hope you get from the census information is that there is a need..... and in the name of Jesus you are making a difference. At first glance, Breathitt County might seem ok but as you drive deep into the county, the need will become more apparent. It has a population of 15,575 and 31.5% live in poverty. This figure is symbolic of those whom Jesus wants us to help. It is also a figure obtained before and maybe at the early stages of the current national economic crisis.

At the bottom is the ASP history, I want you to recognize that you are part of something big that is connected to many other Christians. Thousands of volunteers from across the country hold each other and the families we serve in our prayers. We will share this ministry and work with thousands of volunteers. Right now a loving family is praying that ASP can help them with their home. ASP weeks are a carefully planned relay. It's not about you ...it's about the whole big picture.

I look forward to training day as we begin to think and act as one big group.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Waynick

Taken from the US Census Bureau

People Quick Facts

Persons below poverty line, percent 2009

	Breathitt County, Kentucky	Guilford County, NC
Population, 2009 estimate	15,575	480,00
Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2009	-3.3%	14.1%
Population, 2000	16,100	421,048
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2008	5.8%	6.7%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2008	22.3%	23.8%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2008	13.7%	12.1%
Female persons, percent, 2008	50.7%	51.9%
White persons, percent, 2008 (a)	98.3%	63.2%
Black or African American persons, percent, 2008 (a)	0.5%	31.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2008 (a)	0.1%	0.6%
Asian persons, percent, 2008 (a)	0.4%	3.2%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2008	0.6%	1.4%
White persons, not of Hispanic/Latino origin, percent, 2008	97.5%	57.6%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2008 (b)	0.8%	6.4%
Living in same house in 1995 and 2000', pct age 5+, 2000	68.5%	49.4%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	0.4%	6.5%
Language other than English spoken at home	2.1%	9.2%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2000	57.5%	83.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2000	10.0%	30.3%
Persons with a disability, age 5+, 2000	5,463	74,728
Mean travel time to work (minutes), 2000	33.6	21.4
Housing units, 2007	7,147	213,526
Homeownership rate, 2000	76.5%	62.7
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2000	5.0%	26.4%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$46,500	\$116,900
Households, 2000	6,170	168,667
Persons per household, 2000	2.54	2.41
Median household income, 2008	\$24,162	\$47,836
Per capita money income, 1999	\$11,044	\$23,340
Persons below poverty line, percent 2007	31.5%	13.6%
Business Quick Facts	Breathitt County	Guilford County
Private nonfarm establishments, 2007	213	14,030

Private nonfarm employment, 2007	2,429	263,686
Private nonfarm employment, percent change 2000-2008	1.5%	-0.9%
Nonemployer establishments, 2007	556	33,962
Manufacturers shipments, 2002 (\$1000)	NA	11,648,283
Retail sales, 2002 (\$1000)	89,611	5,983,875
Retail sales per capita, 2002	\$5,631	\$13,905
Building Permits, 2008	0 (zero)	2,729
Federal spending, 2008 (\$1000)	342,285	3,080,399

Geography Quick Facts	Breathitt County	Guilford County
Land area, 2000 (square miles)	495.19	649.42
Persons per square mile, 2000	32.5	648.8

(a) Includes persons reporting only one race.

(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories.

D: Suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information

F: Fewer than 100 firms

FN: Footnote on this item for this area in place of data

NA: Not available

S: Suppressed; does not meet publication standards

X: Not applicable

Z: Value greater than zero but less than half unit of measure shown

Poverty Thresholds 2009

Poverty Thresholds for 2009 by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years

Size of family unit	Related children under 18 years								
	None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight or more
One person (unrelated individual)									
Under 65 years	11,161								
65 years and over	10,289								
Two people									
Householder under 65 years	14,366	14,787							
Householder 65 years and over	12,968	14,731							

Three people	16,781	17,268	17,285						
Four people	22,128	22,490	21,756	21,832					
Five people	26,686	27,074	26,245	25,603	25,211				
Six people	30,693	30,815	30,180	29,571	28,666	28,130			
Seven people	35,316	35,537	34,777	34,247	33,260	32,108	30,845		
Eight people	39,498	39,847	39,130	38,501	37,610	36,478	35,300	35,000	
Nine people or more	47,514	47,744	47,109	46,576,	45,701	44,497	43,408	43,138	41,476

Note: The poverty thresholds are updated each year using the change in the average annual Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Since the average annual CPI-U for 2009 was lower than the average annual CPI-U for 2008, poverty thresholds for 2009 are slightly lower than the corresponding thresholds for 2008.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau.

Appalachia Service Project History

1969...40 Years of Service...2009

The ASP was created in 1969 by the Rev. Glenn “Tex” Evans. As superintendent of the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky, for thirteen years, “Tex” witnessed the great need for extensive home repair. Matching the need for home repair with enthusiastic young people, Tex organized the first ASP work camp.

The following is a sketchy history of ASP:

1969: ASP’s first work camp center was established at Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky. With \$800 to buy materials and “Pinky” (ASP’s first donated vehicle, a pink station wagon), Tex enlisted 50 volunteers to repair 4 homes.

1970: 387 summer volunteers make repairs to 50 homes from two centers.

1971: 615 volunteers, 3 centers, 110 homes.

1972: 1,033 volunteers, 2 centers, 131 homes.

1973: 1,612 volunteers, 3 centers, 236 homes.

1974: 2,900 volunteers, 10 centers, 301 homes.

1975: 3,500 volunteers, 12 centers, 301 homes.

1976: 3,800 volunteers, 13 centers, 301 homes.

1977: 2,800 volunteers, 7 centers, 323 homes.

1978: 2,509 volunteers, 8 centers, 340 homes.

In July, the Rev. "Tex" Evans died from cancer, yet his inspired ministry - celebrated by all people who worked with him - continues to live and grow.

Skipping forward

2004: "Building on the Rock" is the theme for the year. In the summer program, 13,125 volunteers (2011 work crews) repair 389 houses.

2005: "From Our Hearts, Through Our Lives" is the theme for the year. In the summer program, 12,784 volunteers (1,972 work crews) repair 348 houses. The financial impact that ASP made on the region this summer with 25 centers was \$8,776,581.80. This figure includes these categories: home repairs, volunteer program expenses, volunteer spending, volunteer labor:

2006: "You Are the Light of the World" is the theme for this year. 12,612 volunteers in 1,927 work crews repaired 369 homes during the summer program. The economic impact for ASP in the region this summer was \$9,252,522.30.

2007: "You Are the Salt of the Earth" moves ASP into 2007. 12,568 volunteers in 25 (22 temporary centers and 3 permanent) centers impact the region to the dollar amount of \$9,615,233.60.

2008: "Not by force, nor by strength, but by my Spirit." Zechariah 4: 6 was the theme for the year 2008. Submitted by 16-year old Natalie Yarbrough of Gallatin TN, she explains that we should determine not to trust in our own strength and abilities. Instead, we should depend on God and work in the power of his spirit. This verse relates well to ASP and the volunteers that come to work every summer. The summer youth program hosted 12,749 volunteers serving 384 families. The economic investment into 25-summer centers is \$10,711,513. This figure includes 4 components: 1) home repairs; 2) volunteer program expenses; 3) work crew spending within the county; 4) the value of volunteer labor as set by the Nonprofit Sector of \$19.51 per hour.

2009: **Putting Faith Forward was the theme for 2009 using Hebrews 11:1 as the scripture reference - "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."** This winning entry was submitted by Rose Stellar – a long-time ASP volunteer and staffer. The second President's forum was held with Tony Campolo as the guest speaker. 12,820 youth volunteers worked in the summer program. 1,427 adult volunteers served through the housing services centers. Field Coordinators Brooke Everhart, Rachel Naumann and Kirstin French resigned for other opportunities. Rachel Gossett established the ASP Ambassadors program – to help promote ASP in their areas.