

ASP Email #3 Working on ASP Wednesday May 26, 2010

In this e-mail

Thanks for coming and making our training day special!

What's happening now in ASP land?

Who will be the one to not read the information and pack correctly?

Don't come on ASP without medical insurance. I can help. Hit reply and let me know ... call me 273-7547... As short term policy will be obtained. I'll do it for you and it's no big deal. Hit reply to this e-mail....

Will you be bringing a musical instrument on ASP? Let me know

Are you a vegetarian or vegan? Hit reply to this e-mail....

Dear ASP volunteers,

It was great to see folks and greet new friends at the training event. We had a great time! Thanks for all you did to make it a success.

Approximately 15,000 folks from around the country will volunteer through ASP this summer. Home repair ministry will take place from June 5th through August 7th. We are part of something big. I am thankful for our 82 volunteers. We'll have eleven crews and some folks to help the ASP staff with supply runs and support. Our June 27th – July 3rd week in Breathitt County, Kentucky will be a good experience. It will be work, but it will be fun. It's a time to grow out of ourselves.

We are ASP week three. What's ASP Week three like? It's a blessing just like all the other weeks. There are special considerations for every week of ASP. We'll look at those later. Here are some what's going on now thoughts:

The four college age ASP summer staff assigned to our center in Breathitt County will be very excited to see us and will have worked very hard to get ready for our arrival. We are their third set of volunteers. They will have hopes of our moving already started projects along. We'll take our spot in the volunteer relay of projects that other groups have been working on for the two previous weeks.

Last Saturday our staff began training in Jonesville Virginia. After training they will go to our county and begin working hard meeting folks who live in the town and begin to get ready for the first volunteers. That week will be

their set up and preparation week. There is some anxiety as all the work is done to select families to serve. Many home visits have to be done that week. The county roads have to be learned. Checking accounts have to be opened as well as accounts at lumber yards and hardware stores. It's a killer week. They will stay in temporary shelter and as school closes they will have to race to open the center where we will stay and prepare for the first round of volunteers arrival. The good news is that the anticipation of meeting and working with each group reenergizes them. The folks that allowed ASP to come to their county and to sleep in their school along with cooking our food will be anxiously waiting to see how everything will go with each and every passing week. The families whom we will grow to love and help repair their home will be excited and eager to see each week's group. They will have made friends and been thankful for the folks who started working on their homes during the prior weeks. Remember each week of ASP is linked together; it's a relay project. Start praying now for your family and ASP this summer.

Boat loads of good decisions have to be made to make all the relationships go correctly. The families, the staff, our group, the community, folks who work at our center, all the people ASP will come in contact with over the summer are relationships that can be nurtured or hurt. ASP is not something that you can just stumble into. It's something you prepare for in many different ways. How will all this happen? We become one big team. We think and share and focus on our opportunity. It's all in how you'll participate in the back of your mind? Have you stopped to pray about your way of thinking about doing ASP? Nothing is about you – It's all about how we function as a group. It's all about our purpose. Are you working to help and share or is it still all about you? What's going right about ASP preparations? – A lot of folks are trying to prepare and are excited about the trip. People are praying and beginning to grasp the idea of helping others.

How can you help? **Begin opening your e-mail every day.** Read over the information sheets from your registration packet. Be in conversation with other folks going on ASP. Check with friends to see if they have read my latest ASP e-mail. Are you getting ready for the trip? Let's support one another. Call me anytime and especially if you've lost your registration packet. My number is 273-7547 or hit reply and let me know....

Do you have your work boots, cots or air mattresses? Have you read the ASP clothing and tool needs section of your registration packet? On the

27th when you can't confirm you have the right stuff for the trip, we'll be stopping at Wal-Mart, in some little town along the way and then we call mom and dad to get a credit card number. It's a slow process and 81 other folks will be sitting in the parking lot wondering why you didn't read the material and prepare for the trip. Also, I'm not real thrilled about a person who is old enough to go on ASP but yet as we're walking into that Wal-Mart is busy blaming mom and dad for not doing a good job getting their 14 year old or older baby packed up and ready to go. It's not a pretty picture. Trust me I've been there....right down to buying sleeping bag, work boots and underwear.

Does anyone have a change in medical insurance or medical issues of importance? Call me or e-mail me if you do. If your medical insurance has stopped or will be stopped during ASP - no problem, tell me – we'll get a short term policy to cover you on ASP. It's not a problem. Feel free to call me 273-7547. It is real important and a big priority.

Does anyone plan to bring musical instruments on ASP? I need to know if you are a vegetarian or a vegan? Hit reply and let me know.....

Yours in Christ,
Jim Waynick