

Mission History

SOWER is a West Ohio conference Volunteers In Mission (VIM) project that operates in conjunction with Henderson Settlement (HS) in Frakes, KY. SOWER is an extension of the Henderson Settlement Work Camp Program the mission of which is to enhance the lives of the people of southeastern Kentucky by improving their housing.

The counties served by HS are among the most impoverished in the nation, with more than a third of all the families living below the poverty line, double the average for the state of Kentucky.

Henderson Settlement's mission is "Meeting Basic Needs in Appalachia", which it does in a variety of ways by partnering with individuals and churches across the country to display the love of Christ in service and touch the lives of the families who are served.

The Work Camp Program Traditionally has repaired existing housing to raise the quality of life for families. But HS staff realized a number of years ago that new housing also was needed because: 1) in some cases, existing had deteriorated to the point that replacement would be more cost effective than repair; 2) the family had lost their home; or 3) the family lived in substandard rental housing that could not be worked on.

Recipient families must own the land on which the house will be built and provide a water source (well or city) and septic system. They also must have the foundation erected and the plumbing and electric services installed and inspected.

In 2016 the approximate cost of construction materials was \$45,000. The only source of these funds is the generous donations of individuals and churches with in the West Ohio Conference.



2017 Build Schedule

May 7-13

Framing/roof truss/roof deck

May 14- 20

Roofing/siding/interior walls

July 9-15

Siding/insulation/drywall/spackle

July 16-22

Finish spackling/paint/exterior trim

August 13-19

Flooring/paint trim/complete exterior

August 20-26

Interior doors/trim/kitchen

Registration

Room and board for the week is \$250.

For more information, contact Ralph

Brandon at

sowervimproject@gmail.com



Pray

Give

Go

SOWER

Sharing Our Witness

Enriching Relationships

Sowing the Seeds of
Christian Love in
Southeastern Kentucky

Henderson Settlement
Frakes, Kentucky

