

# Beautiful Feet Work Trips



**T**hey came from Texas, Illinois, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. They came alone, and they came with daughters and mothers. They came with gardening gloves and tool belts. Some came as complete strangers, others came back to renew friendships and make new memories. Women came to Mt. Vernon, Kentucky to Christ's Outreach to the Blind in July and October to work side by side on a common cause – to help prepare a place of hospitality for young people who are blind and physically challenged.

The 2006 Beautiful Feet Work Trips continued the relationship which was built between the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Christ's Outreach last year. This year 25 women (which included 4 teen girls) spent a week out of their lives serving others. Some of the work that was accomplished by these "beautiful feet" and hands included:

- Painting a Horse Barn**
- Re-Asphalting a Parking Lot**
- Landscaping**
- Pulling Weeds and Planting Flower Bulbs**
- Spreading mulch and more MULCH!**
- Cleaning a greenhouse**
- General cleaning and sorting of tools and supplies**
- Cooking and Cooking and Cooking!**

Of the 25 women attending this year's work trips, 7 were new participants. That means that 18 women and teen girls had such a positive experience in 2005 that they came back for another week of hard work and tremendous blessings. A group of five women from Longview, TX drove 12 hours to come and work hard all week. And they were all repeat participants from the year before! During the closing worship service of each week, the women were asked why they came on this particular work trip. Responses included:

- ...it was for women only!**
- ...there were teen girls on the team!**
- ...I was on last year's team and it changed my life.**
- ...I enjoyed the fellowship.**

Everyone wanted to know if there was going to be another work trip next year. Well, girls.....get your calendars out and mark July 22-28, 2007. For those of you who have been considering this work trip experience, but have never quite been able to make that decision--plan now to be on next year's team. It will be a life-changing experience. You won't regret it! Just ask one of the 37+ women who've participated these past two years.

Christ's Outreach for the Blind is one of many work sites located in Appalachia. For more information or additional work site listings in the region, browse the CAM website or contact Therica Breazeale, (CAM Administrative Assistant) at: ThericaCam@aol.com or 865-448-5940.