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Press Release: Lexington County Workcamp 2021

A home repair mission is coming to Lexington County, South Carolina June 20 to 26, 2021. The mission is sponsored locally by Cherokee Presbyterian Church, located on HWY 1 near Gilbert. In coordination with Group Mission Trips, free home repairs will include building wheelchair ramps, mending and building porches, painting, and performing other simple home repairs.

Group Mission Trips is a non-profit, interdenominational, volunteer home-repair organization headquartered in Fort Collins, Colorado. During the summer of 2021, almost 14,000 teenagers and adults will serve in 35 communities across the United States.

As many as 400 teenagers and adults will travel to the Lexington County areas of Gilbert, Red Bank, Pelion, Batesburg-Leesville, and Lexington to improve approximately 50 - 70 homes of qualified elderly, disabled, veterans, and low-income residents. Workcamp volunteers will be housed at Beechwood Middle School, with the campers sleeping in classrooms, eating in the cafeteria, and enjoying evening programs in the gym.

"These really are remarkable young people," said Jeff Thompson of Group Mission Trips. "Each one is actually paying for the privilege of working in Lexington County. Workcamp registration fees are used to cover the costs of food, insurance, and building materials."

“This service to the community would not be possible without the cooperation of Beechwood Middle School and Lexington School District One leadership,” said Rev. Liz Cely, director of Youth and Children’s Ministries at Cherokee Presbyterian Church. “Our youth have traveled to workcamps in different areas of the country, and we are thrilled to bring the experience to our own backyard.”

We are actively taking applications for the free home repairs. The application can be found on our website or by contacting Cherokee Presbyterian Church. Applications are due on February 1.

In addition, we need sponsors to help underwrite the material cost. We are seeking \$20,000 to help with material cost for the home repairs. We are working with local companies to help raise these funds. If you are interested in partnering with us, please visit our website for more details.

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