

MOUNTAIN T.O.P.

2019 SUMMER IMPACT

- 298** Families served
- 147** Children & youth mentored
- 394** Home repair projects completed
- 1,181** Volunteers
- 32** Seasonal staff

"Courage to me is no longer leading a revolution. Courage is the small details—the tough conversations, the uncomfortable situations, and the time spent reflecting alone. Courage is choosing to live a life with Jesus by your side, and being unashamed of it."

- Service Project
Ministry Coordinator

It's not just about the numbers, it's about the courage ignited, the hospitality extended, and the faithfulness pursued. Read about the stories and impact of our latest summer of ministry.



HOME REPAIR

- 98%** of families surveyed were satisfied with the quality of work done by Mountain T.O.P.
- 99%** of families surveyed agreed that volunteers respected their requests
- 99%** of families surveyed felt that volunteers were supportive of their emotional needs
- 97%** of families surveyed agreed that devotionals and group prayer made them feel connected spiritually

"Mountain T.O.P. has done a great job and made it easier for me to keep my property looking good. They help the community."

- Homeowner | Tracy City, TN

"It has been a wonderful way to not feel so alone and connect with others. I am not physically able to do all that I need anymore - the help has been wonderful."

- Homeowner | Jasper, TN

The impact of a minor home repair project

Porches can connect a family to their neighbors. Steps and ramps can mobilize, painted houses can preserve valuable assets, and cleared yards can inspire homeowner pride. However, a home repair project with Mountain T.O.P. is never just about the physical work that is completed.

A group of volunteers from across the country working at a family's home who take the time to socialize can inspire a family to interact more with their own neighbors. Similarly, after some volunteers experience substandard housing in our service area, they are then inspired to engage in the housing situation in their own communities. Sometimes it takes an out-of-town experience to become more involved in your community.



DAY CAMP

- 17%** of children and youth surveyed grew in their liking to try new things
- 16%** of children and youth surveyed grew in their effort to understand others
- 15%** of children and youth surveyed grew in their belief of having a good life ahead of them

The impact of spending a week at camp

A week in Day Camp is all about building resilience, connecting children and youth to their communities, and giving our volunteers the opportunity to mentor young people. We believe that transformation happens not only through reading Bible stories and writing in prayer journals but during field trips to local farms, fire departments, and state parks. At Day Camp, we witness courage gained when riding a horse for the first time, making a new friend, or seeing your own community in a new way.



• YOUTH SUMMER MINISTRY •

91% of summer participants are more interested in service/missions after their experience at Mountain T.O.P.



"Whenever I signed up, I was really nervous because this was my first mission trip. I was so overwhelmed by the love and good confidence of all the staff and campers. My relationship with God has changed so much and I am so thankful for this one week that has changed so much. I love Mountain T.O.P."

- Youth Participant |
Hendersonville, TN

"I came in 2012 as a camper and was so excited to bring my own youth group this year. It's been so encouraging to see how this has grown my students and I'm thankful for all the ways you all have poured into them. I love what y'all do."

- Adult Participant |
Ramsey, IN

New in 2019: Senior High Camp

Senior High Camp was launched in 2019, specifically for those in senior high and older. This program included all the same spiritual life components as our other mission opportunities, but with the ability to stay together and work with others from your church. Participants either contributed to more substantial home repair projects or worked with our specialized day camp programs: Quest, Summer Plus, and Kaleidoscope.

Thank you to the 7 churches who joined us for the first summer of Senior High Camp and Jess Semaan, Allison Waller, and Steven Stinson, the staff who pioneered this new program!

Will you join us in 2020?

The impact of a spending a week in mission

There is great power in bringing volunteers from across the country to serve in our pocket of the Cumberland Plateau. Not only are volunteers learning how to use a circular saw for the first time or discovering their gifts of working with children, they are growing in their faith within a community of diverse backgrounds but similar mission.

• SUMMER STAFF •

60% of summer staff increased in their confidence in public speaking and delegating tasks

47% of summer staff increased in their confidence in set goals

69% of summer staff agreed that their staff experience prompted them to re-evaluate their personal/career goals or field of study.

The impact of a spending 10 weeks leading and serving

These are the people who make it happen. Our summer staff bridge the gap between generations, geographic backgrounds, and faith perspectives. They lead communities ranging from 20 - 175 people and coordinate with dozens of families, churches, and community partners. We trust these capable and courageous leaders to carry out our mission, and we think they're pretty good at it.



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"As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of people.' At once they left their nets and followed him."

- Matthew 4:18-20

