

## **Information for Churches considering Nada or Owsley County, Kentucky**

Owsley County:

Owsley County is the poorest county in Kentucky with a population of 4800. It is located one hour from London and 45 minutes from Richmond and Stanton.

OC has one elementary school K-6<sup>th</sup> and a combined middle school and high school of grades 7-12 with approximately 370 students.

The Emma Quire Mission Center is a 7 room motel that was purchased by FBC Frankfort, Ky. in 2004. It sleeps 34 people at a cost of \$15. per person per day.

A kitchen is available to cook meals and there are three small restaurants without walking distance.

The Food Place distributes food on Tuesday afternoons at the EQMC. The old jail is located behind the EQMC and clothes are given out one day per month.

Groups can do housing repairs, VBS, sports camps, assisted living programs for senior adults, programs at the senior adult day center, beautification projects etc. Most of the housing repairs require people who can do serious repairs. Materials can be purchased at the Lee County Building supply eight miles from Booneville. A new golf course is available that could be used to teach a limited number of youth golf. There is no pool in the county. Thirty miles away is a large pool at Natural Bridge State Park.

There is a need for groups to provide opportunities for the youth to “leave the county” to visit colleges, other educational opportunities etc. They need exposure to banking options, shopping, eating in nice restaurants etc. They need training in life skills and social skills. Many of the youth can academically make it in college but they do not have the social skills to survive away from home and from something so different from what they have experienced.

The elementary school is open to groups coming for 5 weeks in the summer to provide the “sports or crafts” rotation for their summer school. Music is also a rotation that would be needed.

There is a nice community park about four miles from Booneville. Some groups use this facility for VBS or sports activities.

Nada: Nada is located in Powell County at the Red River Gorge area. It is 35 miles from Winchester and one hour east of Lexington. Nada is composed of some 55 families who have lived in the area their entire lives.

The Nada Baptist Mission, a mission of FBC Winchester is located in Nada. Groups of no more than 30 can sleep there. Cooking facilities and showers are available. A gift to cover utilities would be appreciated.

Many of the same needs are in Nada as in Owsley County. Serious housing repairs and youth events are needed. Each year a church is needed to rent the Rumpke dumpsters for a beautification project.

There is a basketball court and a baseball field in the church yard.

There are numerous cabins for rent in the area as well as the Natural Bridge State Park, camping facilities and a local motel called Abners.

During the summer of 2008, all groups that come will be requested to spend 2-3 hours teaching an assigned life skill to the youth. We will also be scheduling a weekend in February when hopefully someone from each church will come for training, planning and your site visit.

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