

Is there any amusement park that can offer more “Ups & Downs” than our daily life in America? This is a trick question. If you can afford to take the family to an amusement park and enjoy all of the “Ups and Downs” they offer, you have not yet experienced the economic downturn. If your economic environment is “flat lining” then “Up” has become a rumor approaching mythical status.

Rewarding Opportunities still abound regardless of your Up or Down status! If you are one of the 90% of Americans who are “above the waterline,” you are in a position to throw out a lifeline that pays back triple rewards. 1. God blesses you when you give. 2. The recipient is blessed by the opportunity to give his/her time, energy, and witness. 3. The recipient family is blessed through both the financial support and physical presence of a Christian servant on the mission field.

If you are in the 10% of Americans with some free time on your hands this summer, rewards 2 and 3 apply to you. As Christians we all need to remember that even our downtime (kneeling in prayer) has a definite upturn as we lift our voices and eyes to God the Father and Christ, His Son, who gives us eternal life. There is no ride on earth more exhilarating and rewarding than being a Christian.

Farsight Christian Mission needs two kinds of Christian volunteers: 1. Volunteers who can financially support a short-term missionary, and 2. Christians with a week’s time where they can physically volunteer their time and body to God’s work. If you are one of those rare individuals who have both funds and time, I hope you realize just how blessed you are.

The current opportunities:

Alaska. August 9-16. Crossroads Church, Douglas, Alaska. Harold Jerde is leading a team to begin some construction work on this church plant that is still in its infancy. He needs up to 12 volunteers. The cost of travel and project funds is \$1,450 per person. FCM needs 20 “Senders” to give \$75 for each volunteer who has that week free. Pictured here is Travis Reed, the minister and church planter, and his beautiful family. (No passport required)



East Kentucky (Appalachia). October 4-9. Christian Appalachian Project. Harold is looking for 12 people for this trip. The cost is \$350. You provide your own transportation to the CAP house. The work involves restoring homes for those in great need. There are

a lot of widows and elderly living in conditions just one step above being “homeless.” If you have the week to give and transportation, can you find 10 friends to give \$35, plus a couple more friends to give you some gas money?



Honduras. Dates not set yet (November). Come with me to provide a new home to a homeless family. The trip cost is approx. \$1,100 for airfare, food, lodging, and in-country transportation. Each house costs \$1,300. FCM currently has funds for 1/2 of a house. To think through this trip you may need a calculator. I can handle a team numbering between 5 and 25. Each 12 volunteers can build 2 houses per week. One team of 5 volunteers could also build 2 houses with local help. The opportunities are endless, as mentioned in the previous newsletter. For more information, go to www.FCMInc.org and then go to newsletters and read the May, 2009 newsletter. (Passport needed)

My Life as a Sidekick to Heros, a new book written by Harold Jerde, relives his encounters and adventures with missionaries and mission work around the world. Harold has done something we all need to do and that is to look back and see that we are leaving footprints in the sand for others to follow and find Christ. Available in Christian bookstores in September.