



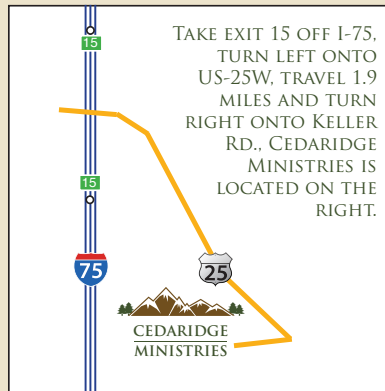
ABOUT US

Cedaridge is a non-profit Christian ministry, located in Williamsburg, Kentucky. We provide food, clothing, shelter, and spiritual guidance to the poor and homeless in the Southeastern Kentucky area. Assistance is also provided to those affected by flood, fire, and other calamity.

Cedaridge assists over 355 churches and community organizations, representing more than 1,500 families. Counties in our service area include Whitley, Knox, Laurel, Scott, Campbell, McCreary, and Bell.

People from all walks of life work here at Cedaridge. Some are from the court system working off community service, while others are individuals working in Social Services programs. Some of our workers have been helped by Cedaridge and some have volunteered to show their appreciation by donating their time. And of course, there are those of us that are here because it's our chosen life's work.

As a Christian ministry, we firmly believe that the Lord expects us to minister to others by satisfying both physical and spiritual needs. We help promote self-reliance by providing for families' basic needs so they can more freely strive toward independence, spiritual fulfillment, and better futures through Jesus Christ.



"WHEN YOU'RE DOING THE LORD'S WORK... YOU SEE THROUGH HIS EYES AND FEEL THROUGH HIS HEART."

-KEITH DECKER



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Assisting the Homeless and Needy
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GOD'S REASON FOR CEDARIDGE

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:16-18

OUR SERVICES

FOOD: Cedaridge serves as a distribution center, receiving large shipments of food & distributing it to local food pantries and churches. Food is also stored in an emergency food bank for families who suffered major loss, such as from fire or flood. Potatoes and other seeds are made available to needy families each spring for planting in their gardens. To date, over 5 million pounds of food & over 450,000 pounds of seed have been distributed.

CLOTHING: Clothing is provided to poverty-stricken families and those who are victims of fire, first time job employees, or families needing clothing for school. Excess clothing that is not distributed in our community or sold in our thrift store is shipped to Indian reservations and overseas to provide additional funds. To date, over 1.5 million pounds of clothing have been distributed.

THRIFT STORE: Our country store provides low/no cost items to many people within our area. Most items are given free of charge depending on need. When there is a clothing charge, the range is only 10 cents to \$2. Items for the store, such as clothing and household items, are donated by many people around the area. Any proceeds from our sales help support our ministry.

JOBS: Training is provided in the form of structured, progressive programs aimed at building both morale and self-esteem. Some people are employed by the country store, while others operate balers (allowing cardboard, plastics and used clothing to be recycled). Cedaridge is currently working with the City of Williamsburg and Whitley County to expand the recycling program. Any proceeds from recycling also help support the ministry.

HOMES: Cedaridge facilitates the housing of national organizations and church groups who come to this area to conduct home repairs, renovations, and construction. In the past 14 years, Cedaridge has assisted in the building/renovation of 200 family homes, aiding over 5,000 individuals. Cedaridge has also funded over 4 million pounds of building supplies to needy families and organizations for their homes and places of service.



FURNITURE: Furnishings and household goods are given at no cost to families in dire need due to poverty and catastrophic event. Area churches and other organizations also receive furniture for their offices and centers. To date, over 140,000 pieces of furniture have been distributed.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

First & foremost, pray for us. Christ is the head of Cedaridge & we continue to strive to accomplish His Will. Pray for our courage & strength as we endeavor to grow this ministry & better serve Him & those in our community.

Second, financial contributions are always welcomed as we need funding to help meet the needs of our ministry. We reach out to the homeless and those in need of spiritual guidance through your tax-deductible gifts. You can choose to offer periodic or one-time gifts.

Third, we always need items for our thrift store. We raise funding through the sale of items such as furniture, clothing, books, housewares, working appliances, etc.

Lastly, we need food and personal items for distribution to the needy. Food items of all kinds are needed (we cannot accept homemade canned goods). Personal and cleaning items are needed such as toothpaste, toilet paper, detergent, soap, shaving cream, and razors. Good mattresses and box springs are always in great demand.

If you would like to become involved in the support of our mission and open your heart to the less fortunate, we would honor your participation. Please write or call us. Our contact information is listed on the back of this brochure.