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Dear Church Group Leader:

Brother's Keeper '10, a summer youth mission experience for grades 7-12, is July 18-23, 2010 at Parchment Valley Conference Center. We have an exciting week planned that will enhance the summer experience for any youth ministry and we would like for your group to be a part of that.

In an effort to help you and your youth group, the BK '10 Leadership Team has put together the enclosed Guideline booklet. We have tried to answer some common questions that we hear about Brother's Keeper. I urge you to read it thoroughly and share it with the adults, who will be counselors, and with your youth group members. If you have joined us at previous Brother's Keepers, there have been a few changes that I would like to draw your attention to:

1. A new **CAMPER PROFILE** was created last year to assist in placing campers on crews. Please be sure that each camper fills out the form completely and is turned in by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. You are **required** to send one adult counselor for every 8 or fewer youth of the same gender. (Example: If you plan to send 4 boys and 4 girls, you must send 1 female and 1 male counselor)
3. Most **Adult Counselors** will not be the Project Leaders at the worksite. We are recruiting Skilled Laborers to direct the projects at the worksite. Counselors are still expected to go to the worksites and participate in the projects, as well as help with morale and youth cooperation. Some adult Counselors may be asked to be a Project Leader on a "simple" project/crew. Adult Counselors are expected to supervise their youth while at Parchment Valley.
4. Please pay close attention to the "**dress code**" in the guide book under "What to Bring to BK '10." Help your youth understand that they need to dress appropriately, because they may be the only Bible that these homeowners will ever read.
5. **Transportation** to worksites is always a challenge. Please remember when making plans to attend BK '10 that the vehicles that you bring, will be used to transport youth to various worksites. No one under 21, unless on staff at the church, will be allowed to drive to the worksites. **EVERY GROUP must bring transportation** that can be used all week long.
6. **Every camper and counselor is requested to have a current, up-to-date tetanus shot.** Please bring date of last tetanus for each camper and counselor.

At this time our project assessment team is busy lining up our work project sites in Jackson County. We base our decisions on what projects to do, by considering many factors. One important factor is the number of youth and adults we have attending. That number drives the number of projects that we can accept. So, the sooner we know how many youth and adults are coming, the more projects we can accept. Therefore, we have moved the **deadline for Registration up to be postmarked by May 1**. A registration form is enclosed in this packet. The Lord will provide the work, so it is up to us to provide the laborers for His field.

In addition to the guideline booklet, I have also enclosed reproducible forms for your use. One is the all important **Emergency Medical and Health History Form**, which is a **MUST HAVE** for each person attending the work camp . . . adults and youth. The second is the "**What to bring and what not to bring list**". On the "What to bring" list we have also noted another very important item . . . **a copy of the individual's health/medical insurance card**. That's always at least the second thing a doctor's office or emergency room will ask for, so please be sure that a copy is attached to the Emergency Medical form.

Last, but by far not the least, I have enclosed a **Camper Profile** for your group members. This form has been redesigned in the hope to obtain more relevant information to place campers on crews. Please have each person in your group fill out one of these forms (make as many copies as needed) and send them back to us with your registration. If this form is not received with the Registration Form postmarked by May 1, we can not guarantee what size t-shirts the participant will receive, and we will not have their skills list to place them on a crew.

If you have questions about BK '10, please do not hesitate to call me at (304) 372-3675 or at 1-800-489-8564 or you can email me at [villers@wvbc.org](mailto:villers@wvbc.org). Thank you for considering Brother's Keeper '10 as a summer mission experience for your youth group. We look forward to seeing you in July.

In His Service,

Koreen Villers

“. . . I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”  
Matthew 25:40 (NIV)