

BC students serving in Cherokee

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church's outreach program as well as Cherokee history and culture.

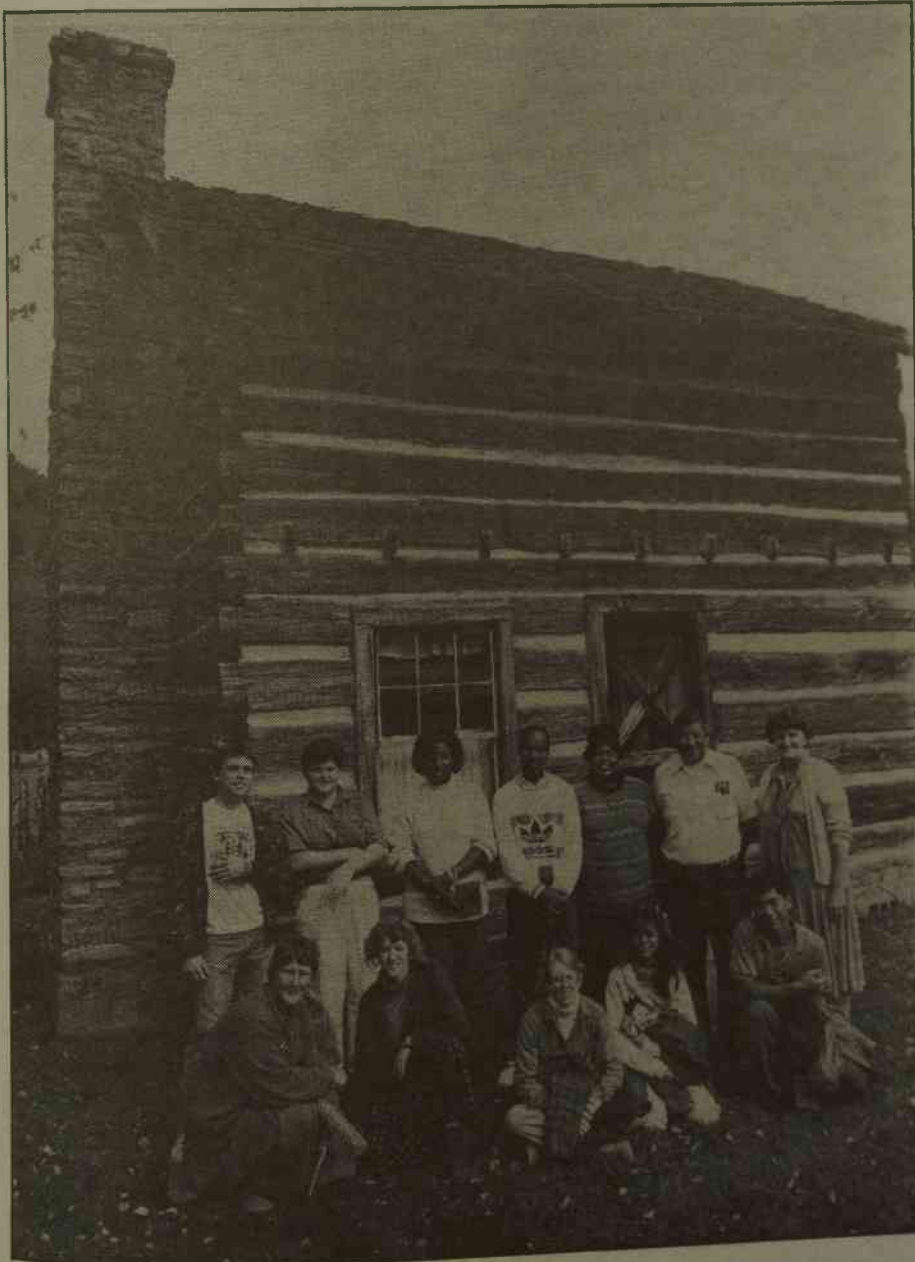
"We reach out to whoever is in our community," Queen said. Many of the people we help are widows who don't get any help other than the church." Before going to paint the house of Mrs. Johnson, Queen had told the students she had been waiting months for help. "This house was supposed to have been painted this summer," he said, "the group that volunteered couldn't make it. We kept thinking maybe if a prayer is answered a group will come this fall to paint."

Detailing some of the problems of the Cherokees of Qualla Boundary, Queen said the average annual income of most families is \$2,000 below the North Carolina designated poverty level of \$12,000. His church tries to help, he explained, by providing a day-care center, a used clothing outlet and by sponsoring a Cherokee craft center to generate funds for the craftspeople and to preserve the native arts.

The BC team took additional side trips to a reconstructed pioneer settlement and mill, through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (hiking just enough of the Appalachian Trail in the rain to say they did it), and to Gallinburg.

Students who served on the trip were: freshman Stacey Ball of Sarasota, Fla.; freshman Cherise King of Winston-Salem, N.C.; freshman Sarah Nettles of Columbia, S.C.; sophomore Thomas Smith of Greer, S.C.; sophomore Aldrin Catabay of Fairfax, Va.; freshman Edwin Mutua of Meru, Kenya; Shelly Rampersaud of Oranjestad, Aruba; and Libby Enloe of Hazelwood, N.C.

All members of the work team expressed confidence in the good work they achieved, but Tom Queen of the Cherokee United Methodist Church summed it up best when he said, "We have been blessed in our ministry. I'm sure you will get a blessing through your work too."



The BC work team to Cherokee poses outside the historic Echota mission school built in 1843, left to right, front to back, BC Biology Instructor Jean Shaw, Editorial Assistant Lin Redmond, Libby Enloe, Shelly Rampersaud, Aldrin Catabay, Thomas Smith, Sarah Nettles, Cherise King, Edwin Mutua, Stacey Ball, Cherokee Lay Leader Tom Queen and BC Project Inside-Out Coordinator Sybil Dodson. (BC News Bureau photo by Jock Lauterer)



Seated beneath the picture of Sequoyah, the father of the written Cherokee language, Native American matriarchs Mrs. Lucy and Mrs. Elmata share coffee and smalltalk after church where they sang a duet in Cherokee for morning worship.

PIO taking applications for African trip

Spend next summer in Africa.

The very idea is exotic enough to give you goosebumps. Yet such is the focus of the next major international opportunity provided by Brevard College's Project Inside-Out.

Coordinator Sybil Dodson announced on Nov. 1 that "Brevard Inside Africa" is officially accepting applications from interested students for what promises to be a trip of a lifetime.

A work team of 14 BC students will be interviewed and selected to participate in the three-week African experience, May 23-June 12.

"Brevard Inside Africa" will be a combination service and sightseeing trip. In addition to a week spent on a mission construction project in Meru, Kenya, the team will view wildlife in natural habitats at Nairobi National Park and safari-style at the 700-acre Masai Mara Game Reserve, travel to a

mountain lodge on the slopes of Mt. Nairobi for high-altitude game-viewing, tour Lake Nakuru and see the legendary home of over one million flamingoes and journey to the foot of famous Mt. Kilimanjaro.

The cost for each student will be \$1,200 (out of a total of \$3,400 Private contributions toward the project cover the balance). This covers all travel, services of an English-speaking guide, lodging, sightseeing fees and an average of two meals a day.

Dodson estimates that each student will need at least \$300 spending money, plus a passport and current specified inoculations.

Interested students should pick up a "Brevard Inside Africa" application form, medical clearance and release form and additional information sheets at the Project Inside-Out office at Stamey. Interviews will be held soon.