



Shelter My Sheep

Shelter My Sheep is a transitional housing ministry that was born out of the deacons of Center Presbyterian Church in 2015. One of the Deacons was a teacher at Tellico Plains High School and was dealing with a student who was living in an old trailer without electricity and was drawing from a creek for water. The vision was born but developed into a temporary transitional housing ministry. With volunteers, trustees from the Monroe County Justice Center and the financial support of churches and people who shared in the vision of this ministry, we purchased land in Tellico Plains and a lot was given in Sweetwater which enabled us to build four micro houses. Each has kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and living room areas and can sleep up to four individuals for a period of 28 days. We have resources to help people with employment opportunities, groceries, medication and minor car repairs. In addition, we also work with HMMC (Homeless Management of Monroe County) who

can provide funds for first-month rent. There is no cost to stay in a house, unless there is damage done to the house. We see Shelter My Sheep as a “Hand Up” ministry vs. a “Hand Out” ministry. Our purpose is to prayerfully discern how we can help individuals and families to get back on their feet.