

Mission trip opportunities

Heifer Ranch- www.heifer.org Heifer Rd, Perryville, AR 72126 - Phone: (501) 889-5124

A global experience. You will stay in an open air barn the first and third night. Meals are provided. The first day you will spend doing team building exercises. The second night you will spend in the Global Village. It is a beautiful place spread around a lake. You will stay in different "countries" that are replicates of how they actually live. You are given a small amount of food and given time to trade and bargain with each other. At that point, you make dinner with whatever food you have and spend the night in your "country". In the morning, everyone gathers together in one place to make breakfast and eat together. The rest of the day is spent doing chores in the global village followed by a recap of that experience. This is only a three day experience. We have been here two times, taking our MS youth in July.

Mount Sequoyah- www.mountsequoyah.org 50 N Skyline Dr, Fayetteville, AR--
Phone: (479) 443-4531

Such a beautiful place! You will stay on the mountain either in a lodge with bunk beds or a house with separate rooms. Each has bathrooms, showers and plenty of meeting space. All meals are provided in a cafeteria. You can either spend your time doing work on the mountain or you can find local mission work to do for other organizations in Fayetteville. We have gone here 3 times with MS youth in July.

Denver, Colorado-- Stayed in a local church

Habitat For Humanity ReStore (there are 2 of them) www.habitat.org

870 Rio Grande Blvd, Denver, CO 80223 Phone: 303-722-5863

7890 W Quincy Ave, Denver, CO 80123 Phone: 303-407-2310

We worked at both of them. Sorting, cleaning and doing pick up.

Open Door Ministries- www.odfdenver.wixsite.com/odfdenver 1567 N Marion St.
Denver, Co. 80218--Phone: 303-830-2201

We did gardening for them, we interviewed homeless people,
and did a prayer walk (prayer walk was a bit harsh in nature).

Denver Rescue (men's homeless shelter)- www.denverrescuemission.org
1130 Park Avenue West, Denver, Co.-- Phone: 303-294-0157

This is such an awesome place. The upstairs has lots and lots of bunk beds for the homeless men. In order to stay there, the men have to take part in preparing meals for the homeless people in the community. Your group would work alongside these men in preparing, serving and

cleaning up after the meal (this meal serves nearly 200 homeless people each day). You are given time to sit with and talk with the men who stay There as well as the people who come to eat. This was a wonderful Experience!! We took HS youth in June.

This is a mission trip we built ourselves. We found a church for us to stay in and we made our own food in their kitchen. We found our own work to do at the above places. We took a charter bus and rented two minivans. We split up our group into smaller groups and went to different work sites. Then shared stories about our experiences at night. We took HS youth in June.

Washington United Church of Christ- www.washingtonucc.org 2950 Sidney Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45225-- Phone: (513) 541-7757

This is an old church located in the Camp Washington area. It offers daycare for extremely underprivileged children. Each of your youth will be assigned a child or two to be responsible for. They will ride on the bus each morning and afternoon to pick them up and take them home. They will eat, read and worship together. You will also go on a couple of field trips with the kids. There is the potential for strong relationships to build between your youth and the child they spend their time with. Most meals are provided. Housing takes place in an apartment style building across the street. This is located in what some people consider a bad neighborhood but we never did not feel safe. In the evening, you can go outside and play kickball in the street with the neighborhood kids. We found this to be a very rewarding trip. We have taken MS youth two times in July-- and are going again this summer!

Re-member- www.re-member.org 5 St Anne's Rd, Pine Ridge, SD 57770--Phone: (605) 867-2282

Projects such as building bunk beds, trailer skirting, outhouse construction, making homes more livable, stairs, decks, railings and wheelchair ramps. We did not go here exactly but worked with someone who had been trained by this organization. Great educational speakers! Life changing trip :) Flying is very expensive. Recommend charter bus. We took HS youth in June

God's Mountain Retreat- www.godsmountainretreat.weebly.com 454 Buck Hwy Vonore, Tennessee-- phone- 423-295-2299

Beautiful place! You will stay in cabins, shower in a bathhouse type building. You will make your own meals in a large kitchen/eating area. They have a makeshift water slide for an evening activity, a prayer station path, a volleyball court

and dogs :) They find the mission work for you. We also did repair work on the mountain for them. The husband and wife who own and live here are so kind! We took HS youth in June.

Rockford Work Camp- www.rockfordworkcamps.org 201 7th St, Rockford, IL 61104--
Phone: (815) 964-7111

You will stay in a church affiliated with the organization. You will make our own food in the kitchen. They will find the work for us to do. They kept us busy and had all the supplies that we needed. Easy trip to plan. We took young adults in May and MS youth in July.

CSM (Center for Student Mission) www.csm.org 6329 Germantown Ave Philadelphia, PA 19144-- Phone: 1-267-928-2620 Email : info@csm.org. Locations: BOSTON, CHICAGO, DENVER, DETROIT, HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES, NASHVILLE, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, SAN FRANCISCO, WASHINGTON DC.

An nice educational experience. They find housing for you (ours was in a house on a college campus). They provide a leader for your group who take you on tours of the city and a prayer walk. They also find the work for you. During the day, we worked with underprivileged kids at a YMCA. One evening we made food and served a meal to homeless people. They provided all the food. For dinner we went to authentic restaurants. One night they offer what they call an immersion. We loved this! Groups of 5 are given a few dollars and directions on how to get to a certain area of the city (each group will go to a different place). You will follow the directions provided on how to take different forms of transportation (paid for in advance). The money provided is what you are allowed to spend on dinner for your group. Some of us ate well and some of us were still hungry. It depended on what area you were sent to. Sharing stories of this activity was great! We still talk about it!

We went to the one in Chicago. We took the train and rented vans. It is definitely driveable but we did not want to take our church busses down the narrow streets and have to find street parking. We took HS youth in June.

Give Kids The World- www.gktw.org 210 S Bass Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746- Phone: (407) 396-1114

Your group would spend time in a Candy Land type setting working alongside children with life threatening illnesses and their families. Most jobs depend on age but can range from serving food, carrying trays, bussing tables, painting nails, working in a game room, helping run a merry go round, service ice

ice cream and help make stars and “magic” pillows. Each night you will take place in a party or parade that is provided for all the families that stay there. Your main job is “to make every person's day perfect”. This is a great place to go! We flew Frontier Airline and rented vans. We stayed in an Airbnb (which we found to cost the same as a hotel). We made our own meals. However, depending on the size of your group- Give Kids The World does offer limited amounts of food for meals. Our shifts at GKTW were only in the morning and at night so we found other mission work to do in the afternoon. See below: We made sack lunches and handed them out to homeless people in a park. We made sack lunches and handed them out to people as they left a place that offered a free meal. We also worked at the following:

Community Food and Outreach Center- www.uporlando.org 150 W Michigan St. Ste. A, Orlando, FL 32806 -- Phone: (407) 650-0774

This place is set up like a grocery store, complete with checkout lanes. Food here is not free but priced super cheap. Our jobs were to re stock shelves, straighten product on the shelves, break down boxes and clean.

Pet Rescue By Judy- www.petrescuebyjudy.com 401 S Laurel Ave, Sanford, FL 32771-- Phone: 407-302-4497

We walked dogs!! It was so much fun. We took turns walking the dogs at the shelter, we played with the cats and even got to feed a bottle to a kitten. We spray painted crates, sorted toys and washed and re shelved bedding.

Coalition For The Homeless in Central Florida- www.centralfloridahomeless.org 639 W Central Blvd, Orlando, FL 32801-- Phone: 407-426-1250

Some of us worked with the children in their daycare. Some of us cleaned out a storage closet. Afterwards we got a tour and history of their organization.

Questions?

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