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WELCOME TO SUMMER

Summer is when many teams got out into the world to serve in Mission throughout the world. Teams are serving in the Western Jurisdiction primarily working on disaster projects, including in Saipan. (Contact information below.) Teams are working in Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Kenya (Medical/Construction) Missions this summer. There openings for team to serve at the West Depot in Salt Lake City and GYTTE (see below).



Project Highlight for Teams to Serve in the WJ



“Give Ye Them To Eat”

An Integrated Development Program

Nan and Miguel McCurdy, Missionaries from Global Ministries have been assigned Give Ye Them to Eat in the state of Puebla Mexico for nine months and we really like the work, the people, the committed and faithful staff, the climate - really everything. We would love for you to visit and become connected with GYTTE's work.

They have developed an AWARE group proposals for July 5-13 or Nov. 29-Dec. 7, 2019 for consideration.

Why come on an AWARE (Mission work/study) team? We think you will find that the experience may deepen your faith in a new and different way. You will learn a lot about GYTTE, Puebla, Mexico and ancient history. You will learn directly about the reasons why people have to migrate to the US. And you will have the chance to meet new people from different churches.



Schedule: On these groups Saturday, Sunday, ½ day Monday and ½ day Friday will be Educational Tourism with four nights at Hotel Gilfer in doubles, next to the Zocalo. Arrival at the Tree of Life farm Monday late afternoon, Tuesday – Rural Day of Work/Learning, Wednesday and Thursday are work days, Thursday night – church, Friday – final reflection and return to Puebla. Monday to Thursday there will be learning opportunities in the little town and at the farm.

Work options: For those new to GYTTE the first day will be work that allows you to learn about the lives of rural families. Others may begin other work that day and continue Wednesday and Thursday. The July group will likely work on the Tree of Life Farm. The November group will work on a straw-bale home.

AWARE experience cost: \$1,300 includes \$1,000 for AWARE experience (program, lodging, meals, transportation, entrance fees, interpretation) and \$300 contribution for a project like a straw-bale house, with a minimum of 6 people. Please reserve by August 15 for the November group by making a \$300 deposit.

Airfare to Puebla, or Mexico City and bus to Puebla is not included, although someone

will meet you at the airport to ride the bus with you to Puebla. Everyone will need to arrive and depart on days indicated..



For More Information Contact [Nan and Nigel](#) at nanmigl@yahoo.com

Volunteers Teams Needed in the Western Jurisdiction

Alaska is requesting several UVMIM Teams for construction at 3 locations and help with the Douglas Community Picnic and help with their Camp.

- Contact [Dan Wilcox](#) for more information at danielpwilcox@gmail.com

CAL/NEV:

- California-Nevada Conference Disaster Response Director, Sonja Edd-Bennett and UMCOR Volunteer, Danielle Juszcak are looking for UVMIM Teams to help rebuild houses that suffered loss from the devastation from the Mendocino Fires in 2017, the areas of work will be in Mendocino County, Redwood Valley and Potter Valley, CA.

Dates: Volunteers are to start anytime after July 26, 2019. Monday thru Friday work week.

Accommodations: Three bedroom house with one set of bunk beds in two rooms and two bunk beds in the third bedroom. Each bunk can sleep three people. 12 total. Rent \$50 per person for the week.



Work to be done: Rebuilding houses, skills low to high. Preferably some knowledge, but willing to train. Houses from foundation all the way to finish.

For more information on this project and how to register your team, please contact:

Danielle Rodrick Juszcak at danilla3comet@yahoo.com
please cc: Shari Sandoval at umvim@calnevumc.org

- UMVIM teams have doing Long Term Recovery from the California Fires through Hope City in Middletown <https://hopecityinspiringhope.org/>

Hope City is part of the Hope Crisis Response Network. They started in the



Mid-west about 20 yrs ago but have since moved their operation to Northern California. The organization is faith-based and invites all faiths to send construction teams. The director of Hope Crisis Response Network, Kevin Cox, and the Volunteer Coordinator is Kristin Johnson (Kristan@hcrn.info). Reports

are the volunteer center is one of the best that we have stayed in with good food; and construction managers on each site. The price is \$150 per person for the week which includes lodging and meals. The Hope Crisis Response Network plans on opening up centers in 4 more Northern Calif counties hard hit by wildfires.

Contact [Shari Sandoval](#) or go to the [Cal/Nev website](#) for more information

UMVIM TEAM Requests

FEMA Invitational Mission to SAIPAN/Typhoon Yutu 2019



Expectations: Application packets available from Kathy Bryson at pnwumcert@gmail.com. Team members will be assigned to multi-conference teams based on abilities and availability. Each team will have a trained team leader, or co-leaders. Kathy, as project director, will interface with FEMA.

Teams will work for 2 weeks, excluding Sunday, when we hope you will support the local United Methodist church (Rev. Debbie Wise, pastor).

Individual responsibility:

- ERT trained and currently badged, non-United Methodists included
- Passport good for up to 6 months beyond deployment dates
- Excellent health, flexibility, and a sense of humor make for a great mission
- Money for meals (a per diem will be paid to your bank, so you pay upfront)
- SS# for FEMA travel authorization
- WJ international travel insurance—depending on days to and from airport, approx. \$60
- Proven construction skills including carpentry and metal skills for current trussing/tin roof jobs

FEMA will provide:

- Transportation to local airport and Saipan and home again. No extra days allowed.
- Housing on Saipan
- Ground transportation
- Some per diem (for food) -- reimbursed at end of deployment



Expected work: First priority is the over 500 houses still needing roofs. Team members should expect a mix of assessing, building trussing, and installing tin roofing. Secondly, some windows and doors may need replacing.

Judy Lewis, Cal-Pac Disaster Response Coordinator; DFJKLewis@aol.com; 909-731-8248

For application packet: Kathy Bryson: pnwumcert@gmail.com

For more information: Calpacumc.org disaster response task force.

Urgently recruiting: UN Volunteers to support emergency response in Mozambique

UNICEF and UNDP are looking for talented individuals who speak English and Portuguese and are available for immediate deployment on UN Volunteer assignments of three to six months to support the

humanitarian response in Mozambique, providing support in various areas. In March and April 2019, Southern Africa was hit by two subsequent cyclones that left a trail of damage and destruction in their path. In Mozambique, Cyclone Idai left more than 600 people dead and an estimated 1.85 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. UNV is currently working to urgently recruit national and international UN Volunteers to support emergency response efforts by UNDP and UNICEF in Mozambique. **This call closed on 20 May 2019 but see below:**



This is an unusual request from our General Secretary (GS), Thomas Kemper . [Click here](#) to see the information that defines the expectations. Also, we know with the second cyclone that hit Mozambique there is a great urgent need knowing after the horrendous storms here back home, there is great need too.

There might we some UMVIM teams who have partnerships with Mozambique. If you know of any interested persons with the right skills and language requirements, please have them contact [Una Jones](#) at Global Missions and she will connect them with the UMCOR Int'l office.

Puerto Rico Rebuild Update!

Teams are still needed to help with rebuilding in Puerto Rico. Contact Tymera Jackson for more information and to get a **Volunteer Application:** [Click Here](#)

Tymera Jackson
Puerto Rico Volunteer Coordinator - Mainland
914-615-2248
puertoricovols@umcor.org



Teams Needed in St. Croix for Disaster Recovery

The U.S. Virgin Islands were ravaged by back-to-back Category 5 hurricanes Irma and Maria in September of 2017. In response to this disaster, a partnership has been formed between UMVIM, FEMA, and LTRG. UMVIM teams are needed to repair/rebuild homes of residents of the island. The focus of this effort is on homeowners who might otherwise fall between the cracks due to lack of insurance or inability to qualify for assistance. For more information, [click here](#).



Mission Volunteers

MV POSITION OPENINGS:

NEPAL: KATHMANDU INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE (KISC) IN KATHMANDU, NEPAL IS SEEKING A TEACHER OR TEACHERS ASSISTANT TO ENGAGE IN MISSION WITH THEM FOR 5 MONTHS TO 11 MONTHS (A FULL SCHOOL YEAR).

ARIZONA: INN2 AMERICA, AN ORGANIZATION PROVIDING SAFE AND COMPASSIONATE REFUGE FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES TO STAY IN DURING TIMES OF TRANSITION IS SEEKING A MINISTRY ASSISTANT. THE MINISTRY ASSISTANT WILL HELP TO PROVIDE A WARM, WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE FOR FAMILIES BY GREETING FAMILIES, PREPARING MEALS, AND BY PARTICIPATING IN DAILY ACTIVITIES. BASIC LEVEL SPANISH LANGUAGE SKILLS ARE ENCOURAGED.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING VISIT THE
MISSION VOLUNTEER WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.UMCMMISSION.ORG/SERVE-WITH-US/MISSION-VOLUNTEERS](https://www.umcmmission.org/serve-with-us/mission-volunteers)



TRAINING DATES FOR MISSION VOLUNTEERS in 2019

July 17 - 20, 2019

Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center
7984 257th Street West
Farmington, MN 55024

Nearest airport - Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP)

October 2 - 5, 2019

Olmsted Center
114 Bay View Ave
Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520

Nearest airport - New York Stewart International Airport (SWF)

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Ronda Cordill

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE UMVIM COORDINATORS

Alaska: [Daniel Wilcox](#)
Cal/Pacific: [Doug & Judy Lewis](#)
Cal/Nevada: [Shari Sandoval](#)
Mountain Sky [Debbie Irby](#) or [Laurie Day](#)
Desert Southwest: [Mike & Lorraine Eyer](#)
Oregon/Idaho: [Louise Kienzle](#)
Pacific Northwest: [Cheryl Reagan](#)



Your UMVIM WJ Conference Coordinators are there to assist and support you as you answer your call to serve as a short-term mission volunteer. If you are already scheduled to serve on a mission journey, let us know about it, so that we can share your story. Please feel free to contact them for information or connection to other VIM Resources.

UMVIM OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer opportunities for all ages, teams, couples, and individuals in the USA and around the world.

[Projects in the USA](#)

[Projects International](#)

[Projects for Individuals](#)

We're just like you. We're teachers, business executives, parents, retirees, students...you name it. But the one thing we all have in common is our dedication to change. And the more volunteers we have, the bigger impact we can all make - TOGETHER.. [Learn More](#) about what it means to be a volunteer.



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