

Cross-Cultural Ministry Close to Home

We are so excited about your interest in joining in ministry with us! Although you will simply drive, or take a short flight to partner with us right within the US, the experiences you have will certainly remind you that you are serving within a cross-cultural ministry. There are many facets to a typical day of service with us!

♥♥♥ Frequently Asked Questions

☑ How much does it cost to partner with ARM through a Short-Term Ministry trip?

The cost to join ARM in short-term ministry is \$500.00 per person for the 7-day week; \$80.00 per day per person for shorter visits. These funds cover your food and lodging (25%) and construction costs (75%) while here. Your service will be a blessing both physically and financially in providing a home for an Apache family in tremendous need, or meeting other needs as God orchestrates. You will also need to provide your own transportation (air, rental van, etc.)

☑ How can I get our group's trip reserved on the ARM calendar?

Simply call our offices at (928) 425-8449 or email us at: AzRezMinistry@hotmail.com. We'll confirm the dates and then need a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 to hold that time for your group. Your deposit will then be deducted from the amount needed as you send in the necessary forms and funds **at least two weeks prior** to your arrival. The Short Term Ministry Calendar will be updated frequently on our website.



☑ What do you suggest we do to help create the most positive Short-Term Ministry experience?

- ◆ Above all, we ask that you would **pray** regularly and often about your trip, and gather others within your church to pray for you as well. Our Prayer Requests are updated regularly on our ARM web site under "Ways to Pray".
- ◆ We strongly request that you hold several meetings to form a cohesive team and *review those pages noted within our 'Short Term Ministry Packet' prior to arrival.* (This Packet is found on our web site)
- ◆ A parents' meeting is recommended for youth groups so that the information contained within our Short Term Ministry Packet is accurately shared.
- ◆ Appoint team members to prepare daily devotions. Devotions should be a part of your pre-field planning, as well as each **evening** that you are here on the mission field.
- ◆ We also strongly recommend that each person take responsibility for at least 50% of the cost of their trip, so that they feel more ownership in the process. Holding events to raise funds or sending individual support-raising letters are both good means to this end.
- ◆ Team members should be required to attend all pre-field meetings so that vital information is shared by all, and the team's unity can be created.



☑ What should we plan to bring?

Pack clothing that may get paint on them and closed-toe shoes for construction projects. Bringing clothing that is inappropriate for a culture that is very modest, and also has a tremendous gang presence, will cause trips to the neighborhood WalMart to purchase alternative clothing. If traveling by air, ARM is more than happy to provide bed and bath linens so that your luggage restrictions can be more easily met. ARM has a large assortment of tools for construction projects. However, as you communicate with our team prior to arrival, we might suggest something that would be of help during your stay, depending upon the project you will be working on. Any time of year, we also suggest that you bring sun block, work gloves, and water bottles (to remain hydrated in our drier climate.) For a more detailed packing list, see our Short Term Ministry Packet on our website.

☑ How should we choose church members for our Short-Term Ministry Team?

Again, we ask that you spend much time in **prayer**. ARM team members pray often for the Lord to "filter" those planning to visit us. Having someone along with a wrong attitude, etc. can be detrimental, not only for your team, but could cause great damage to our ministry as well. Many groups initiate an "application/interview" process. The tasks we'll need your team to accomplish will require everyone's assistance. *Flexibility and a servant heart are needed by those who come to serve with us.*

☑ What is the best-sized group to bring on a Short-Term Ministry Trip with ARM?

The best-sized group is 10-14 participants. This will allow you to remain together for all projects. That said, we have had groups ranging from three to 50. These arrangements need to be made early in the preparation process. With smaller groups, there is the chance that you will get to join in ministry with another Short-Term Team, as we at times welcome two groups, combining their labors and service.

For more information, check out our Short Term Ministry Packet on our website at AzRez.org/Ways to Share/Mission Trips

