

#### Did you know that Maranatha Volunteers International has a program to help with construction projects in North America?

Projects range from campus cleanup to new construction. Over the years, we've refurbished Seventh-day Adventist churches, schools, camps, and retreat centers. Additionally, we've constructed numerous buildings from the ground up.

The help comes in the form of a dedicated volunteer team, made up of skilled and novice people with a willing heart for service. Our faithful volunteers include contractors, electricians, plumbers, pastors, teachers, medical professionals, and much more! They are a diverse group that comes from all over the world, but what binds everyone together is the shared passion for service.

## TIMELINE OF YOUR MARANATHA PROJECT



 Begin this part of process 6-10 months from project start date. Times may vary depending on project scope and urgency.

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Project Assistance



## REQUESTING MARANATHA'S ASSISTANCE

The process of working with Maranatha will largely depend on the complexity of your project. We organize and recruit volunteers for basic renovation projects, and we also assist with new construction. Each request is unique, so the timeline of how the project unfolds—from start to finish—will vary. The most important thing you can do is to contact Maranatha from the start—before you fundraise or hire an architect. We will provide you with the next steps and guide you through the complicated work of applying for permits and creating a plan. Our goal is to save you money and streamline the process of renovation and construction.

Maranatha does not provide financial assistance for projects in the United States and Canada. But the cost-savings of working with our experts and volunteers is considerable, and it can help to reduce the overall budget of your project.

There is no charge for our involvement, but there are some costs, such as providing meals and simple lodging (dorms, church member homes, R.V. spaces, etc.) and basic insurance for the volunteers.

#### Partnership with PSI

For assistance in fundraising and financial planning, we have a partnership with Philanthropic Service for Institutions (PSI), a non-profit Seventhday Adventist entity that assists organization in meeting their financial goal. We recommend that groups work with PSI for fundraising support.

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### New Church Construction

Throughout the past 45 years, Maranatha has received many requests for assistance from small congregations. Many of them do not have the expertise to oversee a building project and most do not have a capacity to raise large amounts of money. To answer this need, Maranatha has created architectural plans for small, affordable churches. The plans include a sanctuary that can accommodate 150-250 people, a fellowship hall, Sabbath School classrooms, bathrooms, audio-visual room, and a pastor's office.

This approach can reduce architect fees and expedite the building process. Congregations also have the option of using Maranatha volunteers to construct the church, which will provide a further savings.

Maranatha can help larger churches also. Once a congregation has settled on an architectural plan, we can involve our volunteers in certain phases of construction, bringing cost savings to the overall project.

# Work on a North America project can include:

- Framing
- Window installation
- Painting
- Landscape maintenance
- Roofing
- Building expansion
- Decking
- Campus cleanup
- New construction

