

Odessa Spanish Church (TX) Project

Information Packet

Location: Odessa, Texas

Project Dates: February 19 - March 14, 2018

(Arrive on February 19 and start work on February 20)



Maranatha Volunteers International is a nonprofit, Christian organization focused on providing churches, schools, and water wells around the world. A portion of the projects utilize volunteers on short-term mission trips to complete the work. Annually, we mobilize more than 2,000 volunteers to assist with various service opportunities and partner with thousands of donors to fundraise for international projects. Maranatha's mission is to spread the Gospel throughout the world as we build people through the construction of urgently-needed buildings.

In North America, Maranatha aids by recruiting and organizing volunteer labor for construction and renovation projects at schools, churches, and camps.

The Odessa Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church project is one of our many efforts based in North America.

Project Overview

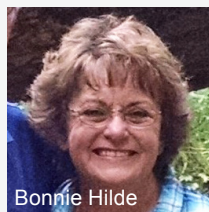
Volunteers will construct a new church building for the congregation. They will help with the wood framing, siding, and roofing.

Leadership

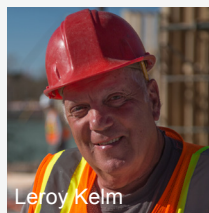
Project Coordinator: Bonnie Hilde

Construction Superintendent: Leroy Kelm

Local Contact: Larry Hinger, project manager



Bonnie Hilde



Leroy Kelm

Accommodations

There is space for 50 volunteers on this project. Volunteers who have requested housing will be hosted by local church members. Eight volunteers can be accommodated through local housing. There are also several RV sites, with partial hookups, available for those wishing to bring their RV. If housing is limited, priority will be given to volunteers who can participate the entire length of the project.

Project Schedule

Monday, February 19

Arrival

Tuesday - Friday, February 20-23

Orientation and work days

Saturday, February 24

Sabbath

Sunday - Friday, February 25-March 2

Work days

Saturday, March 3

Sabbath

Sunday - Friday, March 4 - 9

Work days

Saturday, March 10

Sabbath

Sunday - Tuesday, March 11 - 13

Work Days

Wednesday, March 14

Departure

Expenses

The only costs to volunteers are the travel expenses to and from Odessa, Texas. Three vegetarian meals a day, accident insurance, and local housing are provided by the hosting organization in exchange for your volunteer labor.

Allergies and Dietary Restrictions

Maranatha provides three vegetarian meals each day. We ask for your allergies on your registration form, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. However, we cannot meet all special requests. If your diet is restrictive (vegan, gluten-free, etc.), we recommend that you bring items such as soy milk powder, gluten-free bread, etc. to supplement the meals provided by the cooks.

About Odessa

Odessa is a city in Ector County, Texas, in the western part of the state. Odessa has a population of 159,436. In 2014, Forbes magazine ranked Odessa as the third fastest-growing small city in the United States.

Attractions

Volunteers may choose to arrive early or leave a few days after the project concludes in order to appreciate local sights and activities. Volunteers are responsible for making their own arrangements, including food and lodging, for all days outside of the project dates.

Weather

Average temperatures for February and March average in the low 40's to low 70's Fahrenheit. Of course, current weather conditions can change at any time, so we recommend that you check the 10-day forecast before leaving to ensure that you are prepared for the most current weather conditions in Odessa, Texas.

Travel Information

Flights

Please make travel arrangements after you have registered and your participation has been confirmed by Maranatha.

If you are flying to the project, please plan to arrive on February 20 and depart on March 13; the closest airport is Midland International (MAF), a 15-minute drive from the church site. Please book flights that come in before 6 p.m. on the arrival date. If you need to arrive later, please check with the Maranatha office to see if your arrival time can be accommodated. Please send your itinerary to volunteer@maranatha.org so pick up arrangements can be made.

Project Address:

2680 S. Hwy 385
Odessa, TX 79766

AIG Insurance Coverage

Maranatha mission projects are construction projects where people can get hurt. It is not possible for Maranatha to analyze everyone's insurance policy to see whether his or her insurance is current and the coverage is in effect at the location of the project. The Maranatha Board of Directors decided that the safest route was to require everyone to be covered by the insurance coverage through Maranatha's carrier. For projects taking place in North America, the cost of this is covered by the hosting organization.

All volunteers will be covered by this insurance policy from the time they depart for the project until they return home. For volunteers who have extended travel by arriving before or staying after a project, the insurance would start and end on the Maranatha project dates based on the project application.

The policy that volunteers are covered on depend on location of project and home residency of the volunteer. Both policies are primary policies that do not have a deductible. As with all insurances, exclusions apply. An insurance brochure with the policy information and list of benefits will be sent to you in the confirmation email for this project.

Safety

Maranatha has a very high safety record on the worksite. This is, in part, because we require everyone on the construction site to wear a hard hat and gloves at all times. Please also wear appropriate safety equipment for the work tasks and wear sturdy shoes. Exercise caution while working on the construction site and be careful when working on or around ladders or scaffolding.

Thank you for putting safety first!

Registration

To register, please complete the online application at maranatha.org, or call to register over the phone. A total of 50 volunteers can be accommodated on this project. Please wait for confirmation from Maranatha before making travel plans.

Contact Information

Phone: (916) 774-7700

Fax: (916) 774-7701

Email: volunteer@maranatha.org

Mail:

Maranatha Volunteers International

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Roseville, CA 95678

Skills and Packing List

Skills

Skills or experience in the following areas would be helpful.

- Roofing
- Framing and Dry Walling
- Window Installment
- Sheeting
- General Construction
- Carpentry

Items to Bring

Tool List

The following is a list of tools that will be helpful on this project. If you are able to bring any, it would be appreciated. Be sure to mark them with your name since many tools look alike. If you cannot bring some of the tools listed below, please remember to be considerate of those from whom you borrow.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nail apron* | <input type="checkbox"/> Stapler (hammer tacker) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer (waffle-faced is best)* | <input type="checkbox"/> Chalk Line* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape measure* (no metric or fractions) | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill saw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level | <input type="checkbox"/> Step ladder (6-8') |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility knife* | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom for cleanup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter pencil | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Cord |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small square* | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Hose | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard Hat* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Framing Nail Gun 21° | |

*Required

General Packing List

This list is not comprehensive of all that you may choose to bring, but these are several of the items that have been most helpful to volunteers in the past.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Good disposition and flexible attitude | <input type="checkbox"/> Light Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work pants and shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Flip flops or sandals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hard Hat and Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Dress clothes for Sabbath |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses or safety glasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal toiletries and sunblock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good, close-toed working shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ID and personal insurance information | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of this packet with Maranatha insurance information and project addresses | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding: twin sheet, blanket, or sleeping bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal prescribed medication and any over the counter medication you use regularly | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding: Air mattress, foam pad, cot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual shirts, pants, and shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel and washcloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underclothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Small pillow |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Small alarm clock |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Earplugs |

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All cotton and easy to pack, this cap is sure to keep the sun off your face on a mission project and at home.

HARD HAT \$11



This MSA V-Gard hard hat, with Staz-On suspension, ensures excellent shock absorption on the job site.

WATER BOTTLE \$15



The autospout water bottle by Contigo features a one-touch-button spout for convenient one-handed drinking. It also has a spout shield to protect the spout from debris and dirt when not in use—perfect for the project site.

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*All confirmed volunteers on an International Maranatha Open Team receive a Maranatha t-shirt as part of their participation fee.

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