

Asian-American Adventist Church

Information Packet

Location: Bakersfield, California, USA

Dates: October 1– 18, 2019

(arrival day is on Oct. 1st and departure is on Oct. 18th)



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 renovations projects at schools, churches, and camps.

The Asian-American Adventist Church project is one of our many efforts based in North America.

Project Overview

Volunteers will construct a new 4200 church addition for the congregation. They will help with the wood framing, siding, window installation as well as roofing.

Leadership

Project Coordinator: Ed Jensen

Construction Superintendent: Leroy Kelm

Local Contact: Jushus Mura, Pastor



Accommodations

There is space for 25 volunteers on this project. Volunteers who request housing will be hosted by local church member. There are also space on site for RV's with full 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

Tuesday, Oct. 1
Arrival

Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 2-4
Orientation and Work days

Saturday, Oct. 5
Sabbath

Sunday-Friday, Oct. 6-11
Work days

Saturday, Oct. 12
Sabbath

Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 13-17
Work days

Friday, Oct. 18
Departure

Expenses

The only costs to volunteers are the travel expenses to and from the project site. Three vegetarian meals a day, accident insurance, and local housing are provided by the Asian-American Church 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 Bakersfield

Bakersfield is a city on the Kern River, north of Los Angeles. Displays at the Buena Vista Museum of Natural History focus on geology and paleontology. On the city's northeastern edge, the California Living Museum explores the state's flora and fauna, and has a reptile house and a touch tank. Northeast, trails wind through the mountains of the Kern River Ranger District, part of Sequoia National Forest.

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 Bakersfield during October average in the mid 50's to low 80'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 Bakersfield.

Travel Information

Flights

Once you have registered and been confirmed, if you are flying to the project, please plan to arrive on October 1, and depart on October 18; the closest airport is Meadows Field (BFL/KBFL), 3 miles from the project site. Please book flights that come in before 6 p.m. on the arrival date. If you need to fly in later, or outside the project dates, please check with the Maranatha office to confirm that your arrival time can be accommodated.

If you will be leaving before the project end date, please be aware that you may be responsible for arranging your own transportation back to the airport. Please send your itinerary to volunteer@maranatha.org so pick up arrangements can be made.

Project Address:

Asian-American Seventh-day Adventist Church
6715 E. Brundage Ln
Bakersfield, CA 93307

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.

Insurance coverage depends on location of the 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. 25 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
990 Reserve Drive, Suite 100
Roseville, CA 95678

Skills and Packing List

Skills

Skills or experience in the following areas would be helpful.

- Roofing
- Painting
- Concrete work
- Electrical work
- Framing and dry walling
- Window installment
- Siding
- Sheeting
- Plumbing
- General construction
- Carpentry
- Landscaping

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.

- Nail apron *
- Hammer * (waffle-faced is best)
- Tape measure*
- Level
- Utility knife*
- Carpenter pencil
- Small square*
- Roofing Hatchet
- Sheetrock T-square
- Sheetrock hole saw
- Sheetrock hammer
- Screw guns for sheet rock application
- Hardiplank sidings tools
- Air hose
- Framing nail gun 21-degree
- Stapler (hammer tacker)
- Chalk line*
- Saws-all types
- Skill saw
- Handsaw
- Drill-small hand (3/8" or 1/4")
- Step ladder (6-8')
- Painting supplies
- Broom for cleanup
- Electric Cord
- Gloves
- Hard Hat*

**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.

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

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2019 MARANATHA T-SHIRT \$10



The 2019 Maranatha shirt features a 50th anniversary logo on the sleeve, made with a poly/cotton heather blend by Bella + Canvas. Mens cut only; color is "heather deep teal."

HARD HAT \$13



This MSA V-Gard hard hat, with Staz-On suspension, ensures excellent shock absorption on the job 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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CAP \$12



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

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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