

# Paradise Adventist Church Community Outreach Project

## Information Packet



**Location:** Paradise, California, USA

**Dates:** Aug. 30 - Sept. 18, 2020

(arrival date is August 30 and departure date is Sept. 18)

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 Paradise Seventh-day Adventist Church Community Center project is one of our many efforts based in North America.

## Project Overview

Over a year ago, the Camp Fire swept over Paradise, destroying most of the town and killing 86 people. Today, people have moved back onto their properties but are living in RVs and campers while they wait through the process to rebuild their homes. One of the many needs is a place for people to store their belongings. In November 2019, nearly 400 volunteers helped to build 200 sheds for the victims of the fire. From August 30 - September 18, 2020 we'll be building 250 more sheds, and we need your help. Join Maranatha for this second project in Paradise, California, to meet an urgent need in this community.

The Paradise Adventist Church created a community outreach initiative to build 250 storage sheds, which will be 10 x 12 feet, for residents in need. They asked Maranatha to help by constructing the sheds with our volunteers.

## Project Schedule

**Sunday, Aug. 30**  
Arrival

**Monday - Friday, Aug. 31 - Sept. 4**  
Orientation and work days

**Saturday, Sept. 5**  
Sabbath

**Sunday - Friday, Sept. 6 - 11**  
Work days

**Saturday, Sept. 12**  
Sabbath

**Sunday - Thursday, Sept. 13 - 17**  
Work days

**Friday, Sept. 18**  
Departure

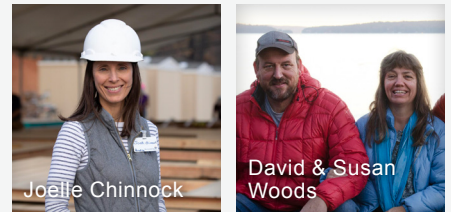
Construction will take place on the lot where the Paradise church stood before it burned in the fire. Volunteers will stay across the street at Paradise Adventist Academy, which was partially damaged by the fire but parts of the campus are intact. Maranatha plans to use the kitchen and cafeteria for meals and classrooms for housing.

## Leadership

**Project Coordinator:** Susan Woods

**Construction Superintendent:** David Woods

**Local Contact:** Joelle Chinnock



## Accommodations

There is space for 75 volunteers on this project. Due to the lack of infrastructure in the surrounding community, volunteers who have requested housing will stay in the Paradise Adventist School classrooms. There is plenty of parking for RVs on the school campus. There is drinking water and a dump site, if you have a generator please be prepared to use it.

## Expenses

The only costs to volunteers are the travel expenses to and from Paradise Adventist School. Three vegetarian meals a day, accident insurance, and housing (in classrooms) are provided by the Paradise Adventist 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 Paradise, California

Paradise is a town in Butte County, California. On November 8, 2018, a major wildfire, named the Camp Fire, destroyed most of this community and the surrounding areas. Population before the fire was 26,218. As of July 2019, only 2,034 residents remain. Eighty-six people died as a result of the fires and 18,804 buildings were destroyed. It was the deadliest and most destructive fire in California history.

## Attractions

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

## Weather

Average temperatures for Paradise, California, during August and September are in the mid 80's to low 90's for the highs and low to mid 60's for the lows (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 Paradise, California.

## Travel Information

### Flights

Once you have registered and have been confirmed, if you are flying to the project, please plan to arrive on August 30 and depart on September 18; the closest airport is Sacramento International Airport (SMF), a 2 hour drive from Paradise. 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.

Please send your itinerary to [volunteer@maranatha.org](mailto:volunteer@maranatha.org) so pick up arrangements can be made.

## Project Addresses:

### Site Address

5720 Academy Dr  
Paradise, CA 95969

### Paradise Adventist Academy (RV Parking, Housing and Meals)

5699 Academy Dr  
Paradise, CA 95969

## 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](http://maranatha.org), or call to register over the phone. 65 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](mailto:volunteer@maranatha.org)

**Mail:**

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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
- Framing
- Siding
- 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"/> Chalk line*                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer*                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Saws-all types                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape measure*              | <input type="checkbox"/> Miter saw                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill saw                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility knife*             | <input type="checkbox"/> Drill-small hand (3/8" or 1/4") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter pencil           | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting supplies               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small square*              | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom for cleanup               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roofing Hatchet            | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Cord                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air hose                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Framing nail gun 21-degree | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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

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### 2020 MARANATHA T-SHIRT \$10



The 2020 Maranatha shirt is a poly/cotton heather blend by Bella + Canvas. Color is "heather true royal"; unisex sizing.

### 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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All prices are excluding sales tax and shipping.

### 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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