

Alvarado Adventist Church Project

Information Packet

Location: Alvarado, Texas

Dates: October 16 – 30, 2023

(arrival date is Oct. 16 and departure date is Oct. 30)



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.

Alvarado Adventist Church project is one of our many efforts based in North America.

Project Overview

Alvarado Adventist Church is currently seeking volunteers to help them frame a 6,300 square foot sanctuary, complete with doors and windows.

Leadership

Project Coordinators: Ron and Nancy Davis

Construction Superintendent: Tom Pooler

Local Contact: Don Bowersox

Accommodations

There is space for 20 volunteers on this project. Volunteers who request housing will be staying with church members in their homes, as well as a gym. There are also 6 RV sites 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.

Expenses

The only costs to volunteers are the travel expenses to and from Alvarado Adventist Church. Three vegetarian meals a day, accident insurance, and housing are provided by Alvarado Adventist Church in exchange for your volunteer labor.

Project Schedule

Monday, October 16
Arrival

Tuesday-Friday, Oct. 17-20
Orientation and work days

Saturday, October 21
Sabbath

Sunday-Friday, Oct. 22-27
Work days

Saturday, October 28
Sabbath

Sunday, October 29
Work day

Monday, October 30
Departure

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.

Weather

Average temperatures for Alvarado during the month of October average in the low 80's to low 60's Fahrenheit but plan for just about any type of weather. 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 Alvarado, Texas.

Travel Information

Flights

Once you have registered and been confirmed, if you are flying to the project, please plan to arrive on:

Arrival | Please plan to arrive in Dallas Fort Worth (airport code DFW) in the morning or afternoon of October 16.

Departure | Please plan to depart from Dallas Fort Worth (airport code DFW) in the afternoon of October 30.

The airport is 45 miles to the site. Please book flights that come in before 6 p.m. on the arrival date. Please send your itinerary to volunteer@maranatha.org so pick up arrangements can be made.

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:

Alvarado SDA Church
908 Church St
Alvarado, TX 76009

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.

Maranatha requires that every volunteer have a current **Tetanus** vaccine (within the last 10 years).

Thank you for putting safety first!

Registration

To register, please complete the online application at maranatha.org, or call to register over the phone. 20 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.

- Framing
- General construction
- Carpentry
- Window Installation

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"/> Drill-small hand ($\frac{3}{8}$ " or $\frac{1}{4}$ ") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape measure* | <input type="checkbox"/> Step ladder (6-8') |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility knife* | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom for cleanup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter pencil | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Cord |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saws-all types | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skill saw | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard Hat* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handsaw | |

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

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To order, visit maranatha.org/store or call (916) 774-7700

All prices are excluding sales tax and shipping.

Maranatha T-shirt \$10



This Maranatha shirt is a poly/cotton heather blend by Bella + Canvas. Color is "Heather Clay"; unisex sizing.

Maranatha Sweatshirt \$25



This unisex pullover hoodie is remarkably soft with a loose fit that is versatile and lends itself to daily wear. Spun from a plush fabric that is made up of cotton and polyester fibers, this hoodie features an up-to-date fit, hood with white drawcords, kangaroo pocket, ribbed cuffs and waistband. Color is "Heather Navy"; unisex sizing.

Caps \$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.

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.

