

Summerville Adventist Church

Information Packet

Location: Summerville, Georgia

Dates: October 4 – 18, 2023

(arrival date is Oct. 4 and departure date is Oct. 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 renovations projects at schools, churches, and camps.

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

Project Overview

For years, the Summerville Church had a prayer warrior praying over the pews of the church, asking the Lord to fill it with young people. Her prayers have been answered and the church has now outgrown its small, dilapidated church—they now have to rent a larger space. With the growth of the church, they have fundraised over half of the budget needed for their own church building. The new church will sit on 28 acres where they have a warehouse that serves their ministries.

Maranatha volunteers will construct a 9,500 square foot addition to the church building.

Leadership

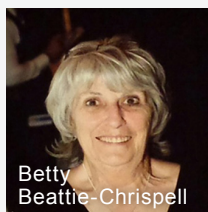
Project Coordinator: Betty Beattie-Chrispell

Construction Superintendent: Roger Hatch and Dave Wilbur

Local Contact: Scott Miranda

Accommodations

There is space for 40 volunteers on this project. Volunteers who request housing will be hosted by local church member. 20 volunteers can be accommodated through local housing. There



Betty
Beattie-Chrispell



Roger Hatch

Project Schedule

Wednesday, October 4
Arrival and orientation

Thursday - Friday, October 5 - 6
Work days

Saturday, October 7
Sabbath

Sunday - Friday, October 8 - 13
Work days

Saturday, October 14
Sabbath

Sunday - Tuesday, Oct. 15 - 17,
Work days

Wednesday, October 18
Departure

is also space at the site for RV's 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.

Expenses

The only costs to volunteers are the travel expenses to and from Summerville. Three vegetarian meals a day, accident insurance, and local housing are provided by the Summerville SDA 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.

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Attractions

Car museum, Sloppy Floyd State Park, Little River Canyon, Desoto State Park and Rocky Mountain Project Park are some local areas to visit for those who wish to venture on their own time. Volunteers may choose to arrive early or leave a few days after the project concludes in order to appreciate local sights and activities but please be aware volunteers are responsible for making their own arrangements, including food and lodging, for all days outside of the project dates.

Weather

Average temperatures for Summerville during October average in the high of 80's to mid 40'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 Summerville.

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 Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport (airport code CHA) in the afternoon of October 4.

Departure | Please plan to depart from Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport (airport code CHA) in the mid-morning/early afternoon of October 18.

It is a 1.5-hour drive from the site. Please book flights that come in before 6 p.m. on the arrival date. If you need to fly in later, please check with the Maranatha office to confirm that your arrival time can be accommodated. 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:

TBA

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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).

Altitude Sickness

Many parts of the country are located above 8,000 feet above sea level. These high altitudes puts those visiting these parts of the country at risk for altitude sickness.

Symptoms of altitude sickness range from mild cases of headache, dizziness, shortness of breath, and nausea to more severe cases of extreme fatigue and cerebral or pulmonary edema. Certain medications and preexisting medical conditions including lung or heart disease, asthma, diabetes, and pregnancy can put you at a higher risk for altitude sickness. However, even otherwise healthy individuals can feel mild symptoms due to the lack of oxygen. Symptoms that do not improve could require evacuation to a lower elevation. The best course of action is to take it easy and not over exert in the first few days. Visitors should discuss the trip with their personal physician prior to departing.

Due to the potential risks, each participant/family on Maranatha projects in Bolivia is required to return a signed high-altitude release prior to your departure.

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.

- Electrical work
- Framing
- 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"/> Chalk line* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer * (waffle-faced is best) | <input type="checkbox"/> Saws-all types |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape measure* | <input type="checkbox"/> Skill saw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level | <input type="checkbox"/> Handsaw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility knife* | <input type="checkbox"/> Drill-small hand ($\frac{3}{8}$ " or $\frac{1}{4}$ ") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter pencil | <input type="checkbox"/> Step ladder (6-8') |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small square* | <input type="checkbox"/> Broom for cleanup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardiplank sidings tools | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Cord |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air hose | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Framing nail gun 21 (insert degree sign) | <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"/> Water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work pants and shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hard hat and gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses or safety glasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding: twin sheet, blanket, or sleeping bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good, close-toed working shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding: air mattress, foam pad, cot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel and washcloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ID and personal insurance information | <input type="checkbox"/> Small pillow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of this packet with Maranatha insurance information and project addresses | <input type="checkbox"/> Small alarm clock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal prescribed medication and any over the counter medication you use regularly | <input type="checkbox"/> Earplugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual shirts, pants, and shorts | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underclothes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light jacket | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flip flops or sandals | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dress clothes for Sabbath | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal toiletries and sunblock | |

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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.

