



# Andrews University Project

## Information Packet

**Location: Michigan, USA**

**Dates: May 12- June 2, 2024**

(arrival date is May 12 and departure date is June 2)



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 Andrews University (MI) project is one of our many efforts based in North America.

## Project Overview

Founded in 1874, Andrews University is home to the Adventist Theological Seminary and offers a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate degrees. As one of the most culturally diverse universities in the nation, Andrews attracts students from across the globe, encouraging strong moral principles and a close relationship with God. They believe in a holistic approach to life that balances body, mind, and spirit in such a way that students are fully prepared to serve the world when they finish their studies.

Maranatha volunteers on this project will help with campus renovations, focusing on the undergraduate women's dormitory, Lamson Hall, where we will focus on updating the bathroom suites. This will include tile work, plumbing and the installation of new vanities. We will also update dorm rooms with paint, new carpet, and desks.

## Project Schedule

**Sunday, May 12**  
Arrival

**Monday-Friday, May 13-17**  
Work Days

**Saturday, May 18**  
Sabbath

**Sunday-Friday, May 19-24**  
Work Days

**Saturday, May 25**  
Sabbath

**Sunday-Friday, May 26-31**  
Work Days

**Saturday, June 1**  
Sabbath

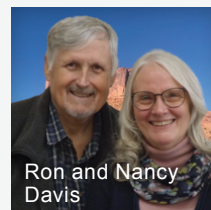
**Sunday, June 2**  
Departure

## Leadership

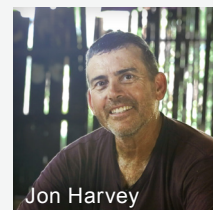
**Project Coordinator:** Ron and Nancy Davis

**Construction Superintendent:** Jon Harvey

**Local Contact:** Steve Nash, Assistant VP for Facilities Management



Ron and Nancy  
Davis



Jon Harvey

## Accommodations

There is space for 100 volunteers on this project. Volunteers who request housing will be staying on campus in the dorm rooms and will need to bring their own bedding and towels to use during the project.

There are also 8 RV sites with full hookups available for those wishing to bring their RV.

## Expenses

The only costs to volunteers are the travel expenses to and from the project. Three vegetarian meals a day, accident insurance, and local housing are provided by Andrews University 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 Berrien Springs, Michigan

### 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 Berrien Springs during May average in the low 50's to low 70'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 Berrien Springs, Michigan.

## 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 South Bend International (airport code SBN) before 6 pm on Sunday, May 12.

**Departure** | Please plan to depart from South Bend International (airport code SBN) in the early afternoon of Sunday, June 12.

This is a 25 minute drive from Andrews University. 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](mailto:volunteer@maranatha.org) so pick up arrangements can be made.

## Project Address:

**Andrews University**  
**8975 Old 31**  
**Berrien Springs, MI 49104**

**Lamson East Dormitory**

## 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!

## Contact Information

**Phone:** (916) 774-7700

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**Email:** [volunteer@maranatha.org](mailto:volunteer@maranatha.org)

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# Skills and Packing List

## Skills

Skills or experience in the following areas would be helpful.

- Painting
- Tile work
- Electrical work
- Plumbing
- Carpet and desk installment

## 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"/> Painting supplies  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer* (waffle-faced is best)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Cord      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tape measure*   | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard Hat*          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility knife*  | <input type="checkbox"/> Block trowel       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter pencil  | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular hand tools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalk line*   | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric tape      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saws-all types  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hammers            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handsaw   | <input type="checkbox"/> Crow bars          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drill-small hand ( $\frac{3}{8}$ " or $\frac{1}{4}$ " ) | <input type="checkbox"/> Drywall tools      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Step ladder (6-8')                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Good working shoes |

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

# THE MARANATHA STORE

## Buy Maranatha merchandise!

Share the spirit of service with Maranatha-themed apparel and accessories.\*

To order, visit [maranatha.org/store](http://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 forest"; 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.

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