

Youth and Young Adult Mission Opportunities

Southeastern Jurisdiction

Alabama-West Florida

- **Alabama Rural Ministries**

Contact: 334-501-4276, info@arm-al.org

www.arm-al.org

Eliminating substandard housing in rural Alabama by restoring hope and building dreams. Kids' Summer Day Camp opportunities also allow volunteers to work with local children.

Kentucky

- **Appalachian Service Project**

Contact: 800-289-4254

www.asphome.org

ASP provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation, bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families.

Red Bird Missionary Conference

- **Henderson Settlement**

Contact: 606-337-3613

www.hendersonsettlement.com

A Mission Institution of the United Methodist Church, Henderson Settlement provides numerous ways for your group to serve those in the heart of Appalachia.

- **Red Bird Mission**

Contact: 606-598-5133, workcamp@rbmission.org

www.rbmission.org

Red Bird Mission and Clinic have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and

Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.

Holston

- **Bethlehem Community Center**

Contact: 423-266-1384

www.thebeth.org

A place intentionally founded by God's people in the heat of racial and civil unrest, to bring hope and healing to a marginalized population.

Mississippi

- **Choctaw Indian Mission, Mississippi**

Contact: Patricia Battle, patannbattle@aol.com

www.umcmision.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/761544

The United Methodist Choctaw Mission started as an evangelical project to indigenous peoples in Mississippi. Ministry emphasis has been varied throughout the years. Flexibility and innovation have been essential in the mission's long service to the Choctaw people. Presently, the mission is engaged in children and youth leadership development, demonstrating unconditional generosity in the community, offering a unique retreat setting for visiting volunteers, and equipping disciples for their journey to an abundant life in Christ.

North Georgia

- **M25**

Contact: gabe.barrett@hotmail.com

www.m25camp.org

At the core of M25 is realizing that service is not about pity or obligation. It's about compassion, love, and pursuing Jesus. Join M25 as they go to the streets of downtown Atlanta and become servants.

Western North Carolina

- **Hinton Rural Life Center**

Contact: 828-389-8336, info@hintoncenter.org
www.hintoncenter.org

Through Hinton Center's Missions Outreach Program, teams serve for one week working on a variety of home repairs in the local Appalachian community. Projects may include building wheelchair ramps, porches, steps, underpinning mobile homes, painting, repairing floors, and helping with yard work. At Hinton Center, the emphasis is not only on construction but even more so on building relationships with local community members.

Tennessee

- **Mountain T.O.P.**

Contact: 931-692-3999, alex@mountain-top.org
www.mountain-top.org

A week long mission where groups of youth (ages 13-18) and adults are encouraged to take a leadership role, experience a variety of worship styles, and build friendships with people from all over the country. Youth and adults have the chance to do minor home repair projects or work with local children in the Day Camp program. Once the group is in camp, all the project coordination, programming, lodging, meals, and materials are taken care of. The programming, put together by the summer staff, focuses on the theme scriptures they have for the year.

Memphis

- **ReelFoot Rural Ministries**

Contact: 731-538-9970
www.reelfootruralministries.org

Work Camps provide no cost home repairs for the elderly and for other income-eligible area residents in the rural, Northwest Tennessee area where they serve. Repairs include painting, roofing, repairing porches and floors, building steps, and ramps, and a host of other projects. Occasionally groups do major remodeling projects. Each group furnishes all the tools and supplies for the project they select.

North Carolina

- **Robeson County Church & Community Center**

Contact: 910-738-5204, info@robesoncccc.org

www.robesoncccc.org

The Robeson County Church and Community Center is God's people at work together, reaching out in love to meet our neighbors' needs in the name of Christ. They seek to involve people across cultural, racial, class, and denominational barriers in partnership with each other to address social needs and to move in Christ's name toward solutions.

North Alabama

- **Servants in Faith and Technology (SIFAT)**

Contact: 256-396-2015, info@sifat.org

www.sifat.org

The Learn & Serve (L&S) summer training experience gives North American youth a holistic view of the world and challenges them to explore how God is calling us to share His love in practical ways. Every summer, roughly 650 students visit SIFAT's 176-acre campus to learn during a 5-night, 6-day program. Through interactive programming and simulations, L&S strives to build a bridge between the many people and cultures of this world. After receiving a global view, participants are encouraged to think globally, and act locally, as they are challenged and equipped with tools to help them serve in their local communities back home.

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SIFAT is seeking work teams of all skill levels and all ages to help us steward the property that God has given them. Set on a 176-acre farm in rural Alabama, the SIFAT campus offers multiple ways for your team to get involved through service and be a part of God's ministry at SIFAT.

- **Urban Ministry**

Contact: 205-781-0517, urbmin@urban-ministry.org

www.urban-ministry.org

Urban Ministry is the inner city ministry of the United Methodist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Their mission is to serve poor and low-income persons in the Birmingham area with programs of compassion and wholeness. Compassion programs address immediate human needs, while wholeness programs address long-term human needs.

- **Upper Sand Mountain Parish**

Contact: 256-638-2126, usmp@farmerstel.com

www.uppermountainparish.org

Upper Sand Mountain Parish is a cooperative ministry of eight small membership, rural United Methodist Churches serving near 1000 square miles of Southern Appalachian Alabama. The cooperative seeks to strengthen member congregations that they may better serve their members and to provide local and global opportunities for them to become involved in service and community development ministries. Local community people, partner churches and organizations across the USA enable ministries to take place that could never happen without their support.

International

Bahamas

- **Bahamas Methodist Habitat**

Contact: +1 (242) 823-6891, MethodistHabitat@gmail.com
www.methodisthabitat.org

Venture with your group to the Bahamas to make homes safer and drier. You'll return home with members who are stronger, wiser, and closer to God. BMH provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities for mission seekers, taking much of the burden of logistics off of you and frees you to minister to the hearts and minds of your participants. Their program is designed for volunteers aged 14-94. They host adults, college aged and chaperoned youth ages 14-18.

Belize

- **Jamie and Lisa Williams**

Contact: williams@umcmision.org or jwilliams@umcmision.org
www.anchorholdbelize.org

Jamie and Lisa serve in the Corozal Methodist Circuit in Belize and work in many capacities. Team opportunities include construction, VBS, and more.

Costa Rica

- **Will and Ella Faircloth**

Contact: fairclothcr@gmail.com
www.fairclothcostarica.com

One of the key parts of Will and Ella's ministry is hosting work teams from churches in the US. The majority of the teams spend their mornings doing construction work at the Children's Home, then in the afternoon they put on children's activities in local churches.

- **Costa Rica Mission Projects**

Contact: jwilb4@gmail.com
www.costaricamissionprojects.com

Wil and Yolanda Bailey have established an incredibly effective mission project in the Zona Sur of Costa Rica that ministers to churches across the region in various ways. With the completion of the new Missions and Ministry Center, teams have wonderful lodging and delicious meals served on-site. Teams focus on construction and have the opportunity to do VBS as available and desired.

Dominican Republic

- **Dominican Republic Mission Project**

Contact: Kim Bland dominicanrepublicmissions@yahoo.com
<http://www.dominicanrepublicmissions.com/>

Dominican Republic Missions Project offers construction, dental, evangelism, and vacation Bible school short-term. Construction projects in the DR help the Dominican Evangelical Church provide facilities for the people in areas who would otherwise not have them. Projects vary according to the needs in the areas.

El Salvador

- **Brian Dubberly**

Contact: briansmp@yahoo.com
www.salvadoranmissionprojects.com

Salvadoran Mission Projects (SMP) is a partnership between the Evangelical Methodist Church in El Salvador and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission in the United States whose purpose is to improve the spiritual and physical lives of economically disadvantaged people living in El Salvador. SMP uses volunteers and funds provided by Evangelical Methodist Churches in El Salvador and United Methodist Churches in the US to build and repair church buildings, build and staff medical clinics, provide food for the hungry and build homes for people who do not have sufficient financial resources to obtain a home through any other program.

Panama

- **Rev. Rhett Thompson**

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Reverend Rhett Thompson is a Board of Global Ministries United Methodist missionary assigned to the Republic of Panama, serving as pastor of an Evangelical Methodist Church in Panama City. In addition to his pastoral duties, Rev. Thompson coordinates efforts of the church to strengthen its outreach into the surrounding low-income neighborhood. Rhett also serves as the National Coordinator of Volunteers in Mission Program in Panama, helping mission teams with construction and medical services projects.