

2011

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How much does it cost to partner with ARM through a short-term ministry trip?**

The cost to join ARM in short-term ministry is \$350.00 per person for the 7-day week; \$60.00 per day for shorter visits. You will also need to provide your own transportation (air, rental van, etc.). Please note: Prices will be raised for 2012.

### **How can I get our group's trip reserved on the ARM calendar?**

Simply call our offices at (928) 425-8449 or go to "workgroups@azrez.org." We'll confirm the dates and then need a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 to hold that time for your group. (That deposit will be deducted from the total cost as your group finalizes your plans to join us.) Please note that typically our spring dates are filled by early fall of the preceding year.

### **What is the best-sized group to bring on a Ministry Trip with ARM?**

The best-sized group is 10-15. This will allow you to remain together for projects and mobile ministry times. If you receive confirmation from our Work Group Coordinator that it is o.k. to bring a larger group, your group will be divided into smaller teams for projects. Arrangements for a larger group need to be approved by ARM early on in your preparation process.

### **What do you suggest we do to help create the most positive Short-Term Ministry experience?**

1. Above all, we ask that you would pray regularly and often about your trip, and gather others within your church to pray for you as well. (Please note the prayer request guidelines on page 8 within this packet.)
2. We strongly suggest that you copy all pages noted in this Table of Contents for all team members, and then hold several meetings to review those pages and form a cohesive unit.
3. Appoint team members to prepare daily devotions. Devotions should be a part of your pre-field planning, as well as each evening that you are here on the mission field.

### **What should we plan to bring?**

Please review the list on page 11 regarding our dress codes. Bringing clothing that is inappropriate for a culture that is very modest, and also has a tremendous gang presence will cause trips to the neighborhood Wal-Mart to purchase alternative clothing. If traveling by air, ARM is more than happy to provide bed and bath linens so that your luggage restrictions can be more easily met. ARM has a large assortment of tools for construction projects. However, as you communicate with our team prior to arrival, we might suggest something that would be of help during your stay, depending upon the project you will be working on. We also suggest that you bring sun block, work gloves, and water bottles (to keep filled to remain hydrated in our drier climate.)

### **How do we choose church members for our Short-Term Ministry team?**

Again, we ask that much time is spent in prayer. ARM team members pray often for the Lord to "filter" those planning to visit us. Having someone along with a wrong attitude, etc. can be detrimental, not only for your team, but could cause great damage to our ministry as well. Many groups initiate an "application/interview" process. We also strongly recommend that each person take responsibility for at least 50% of the cost of their trip, so that they feel more ownership in the process. Holding events to raise funds or sending individual support-raising letters are both good means to this end. Team members should be required to attend all pre-field meetings so that vital information is shared by all, and the team's unity can be created. A parents' meeting is recommended for youth groups so that this information is accurately shared.

### **Can a family bring young children on a short-term ministry trip?**

Generally, work planned would be best accomplished by those at least 13 years old. However, there are times when the presence of a younger child would be approved. Because your team would be serving on a mission field where alcoholism is over 50%, methamphetamine and cocaine use and gang activity are prevalent, one parent would take complete responsibility for the behavior and safety of that child as their **primary duty** while on the trip. God does mighty things! Perhaps a young child has his/her first mission experience through ARM...and then later serves full-time on a mission field. It has happened here!