



2020

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 \$500.00 per person for the 7-day week; \$80.00 per day per person for shorter visits. These funds cover your food and lodging (25%) and construction costs (75%) while here. Your service will be a blessing both physically and financially. You will also need to provide your own transportation (air, rental van, etc.)
- ✓ **How can I get our group's trip reserved on the ARM calendar?**

Simply call our offices at (928) 425-8449 or email us at: AzRezMinistry@hotmail.com. We'll confirm the dates and then need a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 to hold that time for your group. Your deposit will then be deducted from the amount needed as you send in the necessary forms and funds **at least two weeks prior** to your arrival. The Short-Term Ministry Calendar will be updated frequently on our website.
- ✓ **What is the best-sized group to bring on a Short-Term Ministry Trip with ARM?**

The best-sized group is 10-14 participants. This will allow you to remain together for all projects. That said, we have had groups ranging from three to 50. These arrangements need to be made early in the preparation process. With smaller groups, there is the chance that you will get to join in ministry with another Short-Term Team, as we at times welcome two groups, combining their labors and service.
- ✓ **What do you suggest we do to help create the most positive Short-Term Ministry experience?**
 - ◆ 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.
 - ◆ We strongly request that you hold several meetings to form a cohesive team and *review those pages noted within our 'Short-Term Ministry Packet' prior to arrival.* (This Packet is found on our web site).
 - ◆ A parents' meeting is recommended for youth groups so that the information contained within our Short-Term Ministry Packet is accurately shared.
 - ◆ 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.
 - ◆ 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.

'God's ARMs around the Reservation'

✓ **What should we plan to bring?**

There is a page entitled "What to Bring" in the Short Term Ministry Packet among the pages that we ask you to share with your entire team. (Page 12) Please especially note our dress code. 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 replacement 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. Any time of year, we also suggest that you bring sun block, work gloves, and water bottles (to remain hydrated in our drier climate.) We require all cell phones remain at your lodging and not taken to the Reservation except for your team's leader.

✓ **How should we choose who should join 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 affect our ministry as well. Many groups initiate an "application/interview" process.

✓ **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 will be serving on a mission field where alcoholism is over 50%, methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine use and gang activity are prevalent; one parent would take **complete** responsibility for the behavior and safety of a younger 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!

✓ **What ratios do you require when bringing children/teens?**

As mentioned above, children under the age of twelve will need to have one adult responsible for them at all times. (1:1) Those between the ages of 13-15 should have one adult with every four young teens. (1:4) Those from 16-18 years old should have one adult for every seven teens. (1:7) Please also plan to have ratios compatible with the genders you will be bringing.



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