2027
Frequently Asked Questions for a Short-Term Ministry Trip

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

The cost to join ARM in Short-Term Ministry in 2027 is $500.00 *per person* for the 7-day week; $80.00 per day for shorter visits. These funds cover your food and lodging (25%) and construction costs (75%). With increasing costs, we will be praying for other partners to cover some of the expenses incurred during your visit but know that you are most likely feeling the financial challenges, too. Our costs have not increased in several years. Any additional assistance would be greatly appreciated. (We will need to increase our fees in 2028.) **We are excited** to welcome you to join in ministry with the ARM team, as well as others from the San Carlos Apache Tribe! With your partnership, and that of other visiting teams, Lord willing, it is our prayer to complete a home for an Apache family in tremendous need, or other needs as God orchestrates. 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@gmail.com. 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.) A fairly current 2027 Short-Term Ministry Calendar is available on our web site at AzRez.org. Please keep in mind that although a group might be on the calendar, situations arise that cause some each year to cancel. Some groups involve a small number of people. Your team may likely be welcome, even if a group is already on the calendar.

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

The best-sized group is 10-14 participants. This will allow you to remain together for all projects. That said, we can accommodate groups as large as 20; BUT, your team will most likely be divided into smaller groups so that those of the San Carlos Apache Nation aren't intimidated by so many visitors, AND, we're more capable of keeping everyone busy and safe. These arrangements will be made early in the preparation process. With smaller groups (Even two or three people!), there is the chance of participating in ministry with another team as we, at times, welcome two small groups; combining their labors and service.

✓ 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/school to pray for you as well. (Please note the Prayer Requests found on our website)
2. A section of the Short-Term Ministry Packet has been created for reproduction for your entire team. (Noted with a ❤.) We ask that you would hold several meetings to review those pages and form a cohesive team prior to arrival.
3. 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.
4. A parents' meeting is recommended for youth groups so that this information is accurately shared.
5. Appoint team members to prepare daily devotions. Devotions should be a part of your pre-field meetings, as well as each **evening** that you are here on the mission field. (Mornings of ministry are hectic).

6. We also strongly recommend that each person take *personal* 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.

What should we plan to bring?

There is a page entitled "What to Bring" in this Short-Term Ministry Packet among the pages that we ask you to share with your entire team. (❤)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 Walmart 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. At 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 (Unless there is a unique circumstance).

✓ 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 cause hindrances within 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, 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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