

Youth and Young Adult Mission Opportunities

- **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.

- **Alabama 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.

- **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.

- **Kentucky 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.

- **New York, Wayne County** Group Mission Trips \$229/person

Contact: 1-888-329-1074 <https://groupmissiontrips.com/>

Perform grounds maintenance at a multi-acre organization that provides an oasis for youth people battling cancer. Sort donations, clean and paint and spend time with children at a safe house for victims of domestic violence. Work on projects at the Trail of Hope, and minor fix-up repairs to homes of elderly.

- **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.

- **Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh** Group Mission Trips \$269/person

Contact: 1-888-329-1074 <https://groupmissiontrips.com/>

Serve at a local farm stand and nonprofit café that provides fresh produce to city residents,

helping with serving food, cleaning, packing, organizing the pantry and gardening. Light exterior rehabilitation of homes for elderly.

- **Pennsylvania, Scranton** Group Mission Trips \$299/person
Contact: 1-888-329-1074 <https://groupmissiontrips.com/>
Mobilize more adult volunteers and teenagers in the new Weekend Workcamps which are meaningful and cost effective. A great four-day introduction to mission trips.
- **Tennessee Mountain T.O.P.**
Contact: 931-692-3999, brooke@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.
- **Tennessee, 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.
- **Tennessee, Memphis Service Over Self**
Contact: 901-681-9044, office@sosmemphis.org
www.sosmemphis.org
SOS offers Junior High and High School students the chance to give a week of their summer to immerse themselves in the inner-city of Memphis. Students partner with homeowners to serve Memphis and the Lord by repairing homes in the Binghampton and Orange Mound neighborhoods.

International

- **Bahamas Methodist Habitat**
Contact: 931-230-7771, 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: jwilliams@umcmmission.org or jwilliams@umcmmission.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 Mission Project**
 Contact: Damon and 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**
 Contact: PanamaMissionRJT@gmail.com
www.rhettthompson.weebly.com
 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.