

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

EFCA ReachGlobal Crisis Response

- **For more information on our partner organization, please follow this link:**
<https://crisis-response.ministries.efca.org/>

What does a typical week look like?

- **When should you arrive/depart?**
 - We plan to leave Chicago early Sunday morning in order to arrive together at the site between 5p - 6p.
 - We are responsible for transportation of our team to the site and to and from job sites throughout the week.
 - Before departure, we will conduct a deep cleaning of areas where the team stayed, including bathrooms, showers, and shared spaces to prepare for church activities
 - Departure on Friday after lunch.
 - Saturday departure can be requested, if necessary.
- **What are the accommodations like?**
 - Depending on the site you may be sleeping on a combination of bunk beds, air mattresses, and/or cots.
 - A packing list will be provided.
- **What are meals like?**
 - Breakfast is provided Monday through Friday and dinner Monday through Thursday.
 - You are responsible for packing lunches for each workday. The team will stop enroute to the site and purchase lunch supplies from a local grocery store.
 - Dietary Restrictions – Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate special diets, nor can we guarantee an allergy free environment. You are welcome to bring your own food to ensure that you have no issues.
- **Daily schedule (may vary by site)**
 - Breakfast
 - Devotions
 - Job assignments
 - Prayer walks at jobsites
 - Lunch at jobsites
 - Dinner
 - After dinner programming
- **What kind of work will we be doing?**
 - Relational Ministry
 - Prayer
 - Construction
 - Help support our Church Planter partners in a variety of ways
 - Community Ministry (VBS, sports, music, etc.)
 - Other needs as determined
 - Thank you in advance for your flexibility as job sites and tasks can change regularly

What are the age restrictions?

- We recommend that children be 14 years of age or older.
- For children under 14, please request approval.
- Men and women are in separate bunkrooms.

Can we bring donation items?

- Please do not bring any items without approval.
- We often have difficulty distributing well-intentioned donations.

Are there any medical requirement/restriction?

- We strongly recommend that all team members have a current tetanus shot (within 10 years).
- Please let on-site staff know in advance if there are any physical limitations among your team. This will help us plan appropriate jobsite assignments.

What are the Child Protection requirements?

The EFCA, our parent organization, requires that all volunteers over the age of 18 complete an online child protection training and background check. Our desire is to do our part to keep children and vulnerable populations safe.

- Child Protection Training – EFCA requires that child protection training be completed through MinistrySafe. If your church uses MinistrySafe training, you may submit certificates of completion in lieu of completing the training again. Training must have been completed within three years of the last day of your mission trip. No other training will be accepted.

Trip Cost:

- \$1200.00 per team member. This covers trip fee, airfare, vehicle rental, and meals.
- Raise at least 20% of your support. (You can pay up to 80% yourself.) Serving on a short-term team is a faith journey. Part of that journey is seeing God provide for you and your team financially. If you feel led, you can provide up to 80% of your own financial support. This gives more people an opportunity to invest in the work God has called you to do. A guide will be provided to assist in making your needs known to people who can offer the rest.
- Airfare is purchased by the individual and is *possibly* reimbursable via support raising, **or** you may request a statement provided by the church indicating humanitarian use for tax deduction. Details to be provided.
- Additional spending money.