

Sharing life in partnership with other churches and ecumenical bodies is the cornerstone of our global life and witness.

Global Ministries Guiding Principles



" My volunteer experience with the people of the Woodstock School in Mussoorie, India was incredible. I was tucked away in the foothills of the Himalayas and lived and worshiped with the most incredible international Christian community. This mission helped me understand a little better what God is calling me to do in mission."

**Holly Sebastian**

*Myerstown United Church of Christ,  
Myerstown, Pennsylvania  
Volunteer India*

*Southern Asia*



" Participating in the Criss-Cross Cultural Youth Exchange changed my life. We are all different and have varied beliefs and feelings on many subjects... the participants from both the United States and Costa Rica are awesome... I feel very privileged to be a part of this."

**Amber Strong**

*Vista La Mesa Christian Church, La Mesa, CA  
participant in the youth exchange program*

*Latin America and  
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**VOLUNTEER**  
*Service*



global mission  
volunteer  
opportunities



# Global VOLUNTEER Service

Is God calling you to global mission service and cross-cultural witness? Have you wanted to “make a difference” in a community or individual’s life? Are there areas of the world in which you’ve always been interested? If so, this may be the perfect opportunity to broaden and share your skills and faith while experiencing life in another part of the world. Global Ministries, a common witness of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ may be able to help you fulfill this wish through Global Volunteer Services.

## Opportunities for Volunteer Service

Volunteer assignments from the global church vary, but could include:

- rebuilding and cleaning up as a result of a natural disaster
- construction of local housing, hospital and education facilities
- working with children
- learning organic farming
- education, including administration and teaching in secondary schools, college, post-graduate, seminary, and English as a second language

## Length of Assignments

Regular volunteer assignments range from three weeks to two years. Time commitments are flexible and depend on job description and how much time you are able to commit.



“When I was a young girl, a pre-teenager, it was a time when injustice, prejudice, and discrimination first became realities in my life. My experiences and trials as a young girl started me on my journey toward my calling into mission. My ministry is one of practicing my faith in a God of love and a God who desires justice for ALL creation.”

**Barbara de Souza**  
volunteer in Brazil

## East Asia and the Pacific

### Volunteer Financial Support

Volunteers normally pay their own way. Most short (three week to six month) assignments are self-funded. Global Ministries does have a small budget from which grants are made to support short-term volunteers. Many of the longer positions (one year or more) include travel and a stipend for basic living costs at the local level.

### Qualities We Seek

- strong faith commitment, active church and community involvement
- training and/or experience relevant to the assignment
- sensitivity to different cultures and situations
- language proficiency
- maturity, ability to adapt to changing conditions, ability to relate to those in authority, and respond well in stressful situations

### How to Proceed

- contact the Mission Personnel Office, using the contact information on the back of this brochure, and request a Personal Information Blank (PIB)
- upon completion and return of the PIB, your service will be offered to partners in the countries of your interest
- global Ministries will contact you to inform you of the status of your application
- dates, job descriptions, and other requirements are negotiated on a case-by-case basis
- once all of the details are finalized, you will be on your way to a life-changing experience with the support of an international community and Global Ministries

## Middle East and Europe

## Africa