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Buckner's Project Go! Rio Grande Valley, Texas

Dates:

Orientation: May 20-21

Cost:

\$1-1,500 + airfare

Location:

McAllen, Texas

Session 1:

May 26-June 26

Team Size: 2 people

Session 2:

July 7-August 7

***Full summer session details available upon inquiry.*

***An actual cost (minus airfare) will be updated at the beginning of November.*

Trip Description- While in the Valley, you will work alongside the Buckner National Missions staff in the three following areas:

1. Construction of new homes
2. Humanitarian Aid management and delivery
3. Short Term Mission Trip Assistance

Buckner's National Missions department is located in The Rio Grande Valley of Texas. You will assist their team as they host approximately 12 short term mission teams over the course of the month. You will help them execute the duties of hosting a short term team as well as provide services to those teams. You will also have the opportunity manage humanitarian aid efforts at the warehouse as well as deliver aid to clients! Lastly, you will assist in building a home from the ground up! Below you will find details that break down your role in more detail.

- Plan and implement special community events.
- Communicate with the short term team contact in regards to their trip details by preparing and presenting materials for the group orientation when they arrive to the Valley.
- Help with administrative efforts as it relates to the short term mission teams.



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- Assess and coordinate construction projects. Tasks include minor home repairs and Buckner Homes projects. Conduct project inspections and estimates for needed materials and labor.
- Plan and lead Vacation Bible School and other workshops for the community.
- Assist National Missions Staff with Humanitarian Aid activities such as Shoe Distributions, Community Shoe Drives, Block Parties, Warehouse work, etc.

The Buckner staff will be with you every step of the way, providing an understanding of their culture, and guidance to aid your team in best catering to the needs of the people of the community as well as the visiting short term mission teams. You will experience the life-changing hope of Jesus Christ from a new perspective as you are immersed in a friendly, welcoming, affectionate community of people.

Your time in the Valley will show you the importance of humbling yourself daily to the Lord's plan as he creates for you a new adventure each day. As you fully invest your heart and time in the ministries at hand the Lord provides meaningful lessons and an abundance of blessings as you act as his hands and feet.

Specifically in the Valley, you will enjoy this experience if you enjoy construction work, leading recreation and Bible studies, interacting with children and teens, as well as interacting and leading short term mission teams.

Join Buckner International in their 134+ year movement of transforming lives through hands-on ministry by serving the most vulnerable through Project Go! this summer.

Requirements

- Participants must have completed at least their freshman year of college.
- Flexibility. Participants are encouraged to expect the unexpected and be flexible in serving in whatever areas are needed in various ministries.
- Innovation. Participants will take part in last minute planning and innovation as plans may change each day. When entering a new culture it is important to not compare it to your home, but to appreciate the way they live and adopt a new mindset that will allow you to best serve the people you meet.
- Self management. Demonstrate self-control and an ability to manage time and priorities. Make sound decisions even under pressure.
- Communication. Clearly express ideas, either verbally or in writing when working with your team and those of a differing culture.

- Willingness to Learn.
- Ethics & Integrity. Consistently earn the trust, respect, and confidence of your team and host culture through consistent honesty, forthrightness and professionalism in all interactions. Includes commitments and promises.

Professional Development

By spending part of your summer in the Valley you will enhance the following skills:

- Buckner International cross-cultural orientation and training prior to departure
- Multi-cultural international experience
- Exposure to the functions of a global non-profit organization by interacting with experts from various fields
- Hands on volunteer experience
- Foreign language immersion
- Teamwork
- Balancing and maintaining a budget
- Possible course credit

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