

How May I Volunteer?

Just Step Right Up!

What does it take to volunteer on a Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) project?

First, know that all expenses are paid. The national BDM office covers the costs of housing and meals while workers are on-site; the district BDM budget covers expenses while traveling to and from the project site.

At the project, expect communal living, often in a church or school building. The work-day generally is 7.5 hours, with a half-hour to clean the site and take an inventory of materials. Evenings are free for individual interests – games, visiting, attending a local event or just relaxing. Usually, part of one day each week is freed from the work schedule and devoted to seeing something of interest in the project area.

The standard week-long volunteer commitment involves leaving the District on Sunday afternoon and returning on Saturday.

Volunteers are required to submit forms that need to be received by the project coordinator two weeks in advance of the trip. These include:

- An ethics form
- A medical-release form
- A statement acknowledging that the District does not carry insurance for the volunteers
- A summary of the volunteer's skill set (either those he/she already has or is willing to learn)

Volunteers as young as 15 years old may sign up with parental consent. There is no upper age limit!

The invitation is open for an all-expenses-paid trip to a place you may have never visited or even considered visiting. Contact Jerry Ruff at 540-447-0306 or Warren Rodeffer at 540-471-7738 to sign up.