

Witness For Peace

"International Team members design and implement the international programs of Witness for Peace, which include documentation, accompaniment, and facilitating educational programs for delegations of US citizens. Programs focus on the impact of US policies and corporate practices on the poor majorities of Latin America and the Caribbean."

~ Commitment: 2 Years ~

Locations: Mexico, Nicaragua, Colombia

www.witnessforpeace.org

* Must be fluent in Spanish to apply

Volunteer Missionary Movement

"The VMM missionary shares his or her skills as a teacher, farmer, builder, health care professional, social worker, administrator, pastoral worker, etc., in an effort to help people help themselves. We "preach" not through sermons but through our lives, our work, our relationships"

~ 2 Year Commitment ~

Locations: All Central American Countries

www.vmmusa.org

* Must be committed to learn language

Farm of the Child

"Farm of the Child is an orphanage, Catholic primary school and middle school, medical clinic and community outreach program located on the Caribbean coast of the Mosquitia rain forest. The mission of Farm of the Child is to care for and improve the physical, educational, spiritual and social needs of orphaned, abandoned and neglected children of Honduras so that they may become productive, Christian members of Honduran society."

~ 27 Month Commitment ~

Location: Trujillo, Honduras

www.farmofthechild.org

"The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us?"

~ Dorothy Day

"Students must let the gritty reality of this world into their lives so they can learn to feel it, think about it critically, respond to its suffering, and engage it constructively. They should learn to perceive, think, judge, choose, and act for the rights of others, especially the disadvantaged and the oppressed."

~ Peter Hans Kolvenbach, SJ

"When we are dreaming alone, it is only a dream. When we are dreaming with others, it is the beginning of reality."

~ Dom Helder Camara

Jesuit Volunteer International (JVI)

"Volunteers live a simple lifestyle in community with other volunteers and seek to develop spiritually. The Jesuit Volunteer's work with a local social service agency or community organization makes a concrete difference in the lives of the men, women and children who are being served, but it often has the greatest impact on the Jesuit Volunteer him/herself."

~ 2 Year Commitment ~

Locations: Nicaragua, Peru, Belize, Bolivia.

www.jesuitvolunteers.org

* Some placements require fluency in Spanish

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

"The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is a 5 million member church that also works in the context of the global church. Many global mission service opportunities are available through us as we faithfully serve our God and church in mission."

~ 1 or 2 Year Commitment ~

Locations: Argentina, Mexico, Central America

<http://elca.org/globalserve>

* Language requirements vary

VIDES International

"VIDES works for the defense of human rights, particularly of children, women, and youth; for the promotion of voluntary service at the local and international levels; for the support at a distance of children and their families; and for the promotion of youth as active and responsible citizens."

~ Commitments from 1 Month to 2 Years ~

Locations: Central and South America

www.vides.org

* Other options available worldwide

Center for Development in C.A.

"The Center for Development in Central America (CDCA) is a non-profit organization that seeks to address human needs created by poverty by helping communities to become self-sufficient, sustainable, democratic entities. As volunteers see, hear, and touch the lives of Nicaraguans they will change. What will last the longest, and what will make the most difference to the people here is the work volunteers will do when they return home."

~ 6 Month Commitment Minimum ~
Location: Managua, Nicaragua

<http://www.jhc-cdca.org/>

"Many would like the poor to keep on saying that it is God's will for them to live that way.

But it is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing. That cannot be of God. God's will is that all his children be happy."

- Archbishop Oscar Romero

Mercy Volunteer Corps

"Volunteers commit equally to service, social justice, a simple lifestyle, shared spirituality, and community living with other volunteers. Mercy Volunteers work at grassroots programs administered by local communities of the Sisters of Mercy, whose focus is to provide healthcare, education, social services, and more to the poor in their cities or villages."

~ 2 Year Commitment ~
Locations: Guyana, Honduras, Guatemala

www.mercyvolunteers.org

* Must be fluent in Spanish for Honduras or Guatemala

Christians for Peace in El Salvador

"CRISPAZ, Christians for Peace in El Salvador, was founded in 1984. We are a faith-based organization dedicated to the mutual accompaniment with the church of the poor and marginalized communities in El Salvador. As an organization, we are politically non-partisan and committed to nonviolence. Volunteer with rural community accompaniment or with high-risk youth"

~ 18 Month Commitment ~
Location: El Salvador

www.crispaz.org

* Good conversational Spanish

"Full human liberation, for the poor and for us all, lies in the development of communities of solidarity at the grass-roots and nongovernmental as well as the political level, where we can all work together towards total human development."

~ 34th Congregation of the Society of Jesus

Rostro de Cristo

"The program invites participants to: lead a simple lifestyle; build an intentional Christian community; and be in relationship with the Ecuadorian people and reflect on the face of Christ in their joys and struggles. The opportunities for ministry are limitless, but some examples include teaching, tutoring, coaching sports, working in soup kitchens, leading retreat groups, assisting in parish activities, working at a hospital, and visiting orphanages and nursing homes."

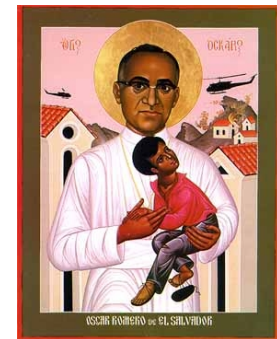
~ 1 Year Commitment ~
Location: Ecuador

www.rostrodecristo.org

* Competence in Spanish is essential

Post-Graduate Volunteer Opportunities

Central and South
America



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