

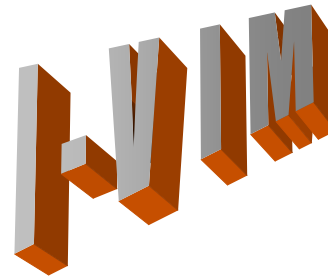


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International Volunteers In Mission

Where Team Members Put God's Love In Action

If you want to travel the world, you can do it through this program of the United Methodist Church. Invest your time, talents, and financial resources in a team made up of people from every walk of life – other team members just like you. With your team, travel safely to another country to work on a life-changing project. Many projects focus on construction and all skill levels are needed. Some teams also need people to lead Vacation Bible School, provide adult or community health education, listen to others, work in agriculture or give hugs to children. Each experience leaves an indelible mark on your soul while allowing you to help others and to see the world from a new perspective.



Put a human face on every country and connect on a personal level with people from all cultures. Put your love of Jesus Christ, and the love Christ has for you, into action through the Wisconsin International Volunteers in Mission (I-VIM). Join God's team today!

Don't just visit a country – *taste* its food, *see* its treasures and *experience* its culture on a very personal level! As a member of an I-VIM team, you explore a country as you help your neighbor during a “vacation” that has a world-changing purpose!

Jesus gave us the Great Commission to go out to all people. Read more about International Volunteers in Mission team trips on the following pages and then put the Great Commission into action by applying today! Return the enclosed I-VIM application with your deposit and start changing the world!



**For A Listing Of All The UM-VIM Future Teams In The
North Central Jurisdiction**

Log Onto:

<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/northcentralvim/>

CAN'T GO ON A TRIP NOW BUT WANT TO HELP?

How about making a donation to the I-VIM scholarship fund?

Scholarships are needed to help those with special skills – engineering, languages, plumbing, construction, medical, etc. – go on a trip where their specific skills are needed to complete the project.

Mark your donations: Advance Special #7812

Mail to: UM Wisconsin Annual Conference

PO Box 620, Sun Prairie, WI 53590-0620



International **Volunteers In Mission Registration Form**

✂ FILL OUT AND RETURN TODAY ✂

Please keep a copy for your records

NOTE: All costs are approximate and depend on airfare rates when reservations are made.

Please fill out a separate form for each person signing up.
A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due with this application form.

Make checks payable to: **UMC-WAC-IVIM**

Mail the application and deposit to:

Karen Sandstrom

2581 Bluff Road

Baileys Harbor, WI 54202-9218.

The team leader for the trip will contact you with the deadline for the balance due (generally 8-10 weeks before departure). An interview with the leader may be required prior to acceptance, along with a more detailed application, additional information for overseas insurance, visas, and other documents.

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Church/City _____

Mission Trip _____

Registrant's Signature _____

Pastor's Signature _____

Your costs may be tax-deductible. You will receive a document so you can consult with a tax preparer.

Ready to sign up today for I-VIM?

Fill out the attached application, have your church pastor sign it (NOTE: you do not need to be a member of a United Methodist church to be on a team), and mail it along with a \$100 deposit (checks made out to **UMC-WAC-IVIM**) to the IVIM Treasurer/Registrar:

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Team sizes are limited and fill on a first-come-first-serve basis. Team leaders strive to ensure no surprise costs, travel dates, nature of work and other details, though all these items can vary due to unforeseen circumstances. In general, your fee covers airfare (unless noted or if you are using frequent flyer miles), in-country transportation, food, lodging, health insurance, taxes/gratuities and a contribution towards building and/or other materials. The trip may be tax deductible.

After signing up, your team leader will contact you for an interview. Your team will meet to talk about the country, the project's scope and how to travel abroad as you put God's love in action through Wisconsin UMC's *International Volunteers in Mission* program.

Interested? Not Sure? Act!!

Can you hear God's call to you to explore mission work?

Maybe, but you're not sure? For more information, contact a leader listed with a project. Or, you can talk with either:

- Deborah Thompson, Wisconsin United Methodist Conference Office, dthompson@wisconsinumc.org or 888-240-7328.
- Pastor Susan Safford-Gaul, Conference I-VIM Committee Chairperson, pastorsusan@yahoo.com or 920-756-2717.

Online resources:

<http://www.wisconsinumc.org/missions/>
<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/about/us/mv/>
<http://gbgm-umc.org/northcentralvim/>

LOOKING AHEAD AT FUTURE I-VIM TEAMS

To help you plan ahead according to your work or family schedule, as well as so you can prepare financially and spiritually to join a I-VIM team around the world, here are prospective trips we are considering for the near future.

Temuco, Chile November 5-20, 2011 - to Second Iglesia Metodista, This will be the third trip to help this congregation rebuild their sanctuary after the February 27 earth quake. This trip will put our Chilean brothers and sisters well on their way to being able to use their sanctuary once again. The cost will be \$2500. Questions should be directed to Don Heeringa at 920854-5572 or donheeringa@yahoo.com

Punta Arenas and Puerto Natalis, Chile January 21-February 5, 2012 (tentative dates) We will spend one week at each location. At Punta Arenas we will work at a Methodist school building a security wall and make other improvements for the safety of the children. At Puerto Natalis we will help to build a pastor's home. We will also plan for some site seeing in each community. The cost will be \$3000. Questions should be directed to Don Heeringa at 920854-5572 or donheeringa@yahoo.com

Work Mission Trip to India, June 4, 2012 through June 23, 2012
Seven spots remain open on this adult twelve person team to New Delhi, Rishikesh, & Madurai, India. We will be spending some time at a spiritual community/retreat center in northern India during the first part of this trip. During the second and third weeks of this trip, we will be sharing ministry with the people at the Philip and Timothy Stains Memorial Children's Homes in southern India. The cost is expected to be around \$3,000 per volunteer. Registration cut-off date: March 1, 2012. The team will be sharing in the care of the children, providing love that no child should go without. For more information, contact Wendee Nitz, leader, at asburypastor@charter.net.

Iquitos, Peru – February 2012. Women's Health program. Contact person: Judy Bruun jbruun6507@gmail.com. \$2500 with airfare.

Costa Rica - Jan. 31st - February 11th, 2012
Mission/adventure trip to help children and families gain the basic resources necessary for a healthy life. Based at Strong Missions, at Carrillos in the Central Valley of Costa Rica www.strongmissions.com Cost \$1,750.00, air travel from Chicago included. For more info or to register contact Deb Bollig at Mauston United Methodist Church 608-847-5964, or e-mail at maustonumc.vim@gmail.com

Thinking Of Developing An International Mission Trip For Your Church?

Let the I-VIM Committee Help!

1. We have speakers that would be happy to share their story to help encourage others to get involved.
2. We have valuable training available for those interested in leading a trip.
3. We have first-hand know how on how to plan a successful trip.
4. We have fundraising ideas.
5. We have scholarships available.

Contact: Susan L. Safford-Gaul, pastorsusan@yahoo.com
Wk 920-756-2717 Hm 920-756-2631 Cell 262-719-1277



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