

## Read what others have said about their experience...

“A highlight was getting to serve others who have been needing help for almost two years. It is so rewarding to serve God and others, to bless as we’ve been blessed.”

“I enjoyed doing all of this for the first time and I plan to be back next year, even more energized and ready to serve God.”

“Having a servant attitude (like that of Christ) is difficult at times. Yet it has great rewards in the long run. Service projects are truly highlights in my life.”

“Once again, having the privilege of being God’s hands and feet in order to help one in need.”

“I thought this trip was an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience. I hope I can share with others the work God has been doing and how amazing it can be to serve Him by serving others.”



## What is CRWRC?

The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) is the relief and development agency of the Christian Reformed Church. CRWRC’s mission is to engage God’s people in redeeming resources and developing gifts in collaborative acts of love, mercy, and compassion.

With offices in Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S. and Burlington, Ontario, Canada, CRWRC is actively involved in more than 40 countries worldwide, responding to the needs of people experiencing poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice.

For more information about CRWRC, visit [www.crwrc.org](http://www.crwrc.org) or call 800-552-7972.

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## Volunteer Groups Program



# CRWRC - DRS Volunteer Groups Program

## Why a volunteer groups program?

Many people need help after disasters, and many people want to help them. CRWRC-DRS works closely with communities in the United States and Canada that have experienced significant disasters, helping them rebuild, largely through volunteers like you!

The result is that poor, elderly, and disabled people receive help, as well as encouragement and hope. Volunteers have an opportunity to use their gifts, to be a blessing to others, and to see God at work and be blessed in the process of serving.

## What kinds of groups can serve?

Almost any kind! We have highly skilled adult groups, unskilled but energetic youth groups, college groups, family groups, and mixed groups. Youth generally should be of high school age, but there may be exceptions. We encourage less skilled groups to recruit skilled adults so that they can broaden the range of their work assignments and learn new skills. Any size group can volunteer; groups have ranged from two to 120! Volunteering for one week is most common, but you can volunteer for as little as a day!

## What about housing and food?

Our partner organizations provide volunteer housing, which varies from site to site. It may be air mattresses on a church floor or comfortable beds. Showers are always available. A kitchen is provided for the group to use or, in some cases, meals are provided.

## What kinds of work would we do?

The CRWRC-DRS partner organization working in the disaster-impacted community assigns and supervises the work. Jobs can include cleanup, gutting, roofing, drywall work, carpentry, painting, etc. All volunteers complete a skills inventory well in advance. The partner organization matches volunteer's skills to the jobs that need to be done.

## What are the costs?

Your group is responsible for transportation, housing, and food costs. These vary significantly depending on distance and mode of transportation. Nominal fees or donations to support the ongoing work often are expected.

## Are there bigger projects?

On occasion, churches from a city or region have pooled their volunteer and financial resources to build an entire house from the foundation up, over the course of three to five weeks. Please contact us if you would like to hear more about this type of opportunity.

## What is the process?

Call or email our staff to learn about current needs and opportunities. Let us know the dates that work best for you, and a general description of your anticipated group. We will find a location that we believe to be a good match and will send you application materials. Well before your trip, we will connect the group leader with coordinators from the partner organization to work out details regarding accommodations, work assignments, what to bring, etc.

## CONTACT US!

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