



# BE PART OF THE CHANGING STORY

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**By volunteering you will be changing stories of loss and discouragement to stories of hope and encouragement in Christ's name.**

After Tomas' home suffered severe flood damage, he felt helpless and hopeless. With no family nearby and no support system, Tomas was overwhelmed.

Thankfully, World Renew DRS volunteers came to not only repair Tomas' home but also build a friendship with him. They showed him that they were not only there to work, but to shower him with Christ's love and support.

Tomas began to feel encouraged and trust the volunteers in his home.

Unfortunately, certain conditions forced the volunteers to stop working on Tomas' house until the issues were resolved.

When Tomas learned that the volunteers were not able to come back to work, he

became energized rather than discouraged! He worked diligently to make it possible for the volunteers to return.

Once World Renew DRS volunteers began working again, Tomas' mood seemed to brighten each day.

Volunteers dry-walled, painted, laid flooring, and completed other jobs. It meant a lot to Tomas that there were people who cared and did what they said they would do.

"Our team got a lot of work done, but more than that, we developed the kind of personal connections, based in Christ, that remind us why we are doing this work," said Albert Veldstra, a World Renew DRS volunteer. "We serve others because God first loved us."

# FAQs

## Rebuilding Homes with World Renew

### Who will I be helping?

You will be helping those who, without extra help, are at risk of falling through the cracks, never getting their homes repaired and left feeling forgotten and alone. You will bring Christ's love and service to those who need it.

## INDIVIDUALS/COUPLES

**I would like to volunteer by myself, with my spouse, or with a friend.**

### Where would I volunteer?

You can volunteer at one of the following World Renew DRS managed reconstruction sites:

- Calaveras County, California
- Century, Florida
- San Marcos, Texas
- Rio Grande Valley, Texas
- Other locations possible

### For how long would I volunteer?

Generally three weeks, but if you have one or two weeks free, we can work with that.

### With whom would I volunteer?

You will work alongside other Christian adults. Some volunteers are new and others will have more experience.

### Do I need reconstruction skills?

Reconstruction experience is needed on each team, but not required by each team member. World Renew DRS puts together each team to ensure a balance of skilled volunteers and helpers. If you enjoy working in the kitchen, consider joining the cook team.

### How much does it cost?

Food and lodging are provided and if you volunteer for a full-length assignment\*, most of your transportation is reimbursed.

### What kind of meals, lodging, and work coordination can I expect?

Fully-furnished volunteer housing, with bedrooms, is provided. Your meals are prepared for you during the work week by a cook team. You will have a World Renew DRS construction supervisor and on-site manager who coordinate work projects and run the site.

### I am interested! What is the first step?

Wonderful! Please fill out an application at [worldrenew.net/DRSapp](http://worldrenew.net/DRSapp), or contact our office with any questions.

\*Two or three weeks, depending on location and time of year.

## GROUP MISSION TRIPS

**Our church/school/family would like to organize a week-long mission trip.**

### When and where can we go?

There are many locations to choose from, and World Renew DRS can schedule just about any size group, with any skill level, at any time of the year.

### How does this differ from a "World Renew DRS-managed reconstruction site" mentioned in the left column?

It differs quite a bit. World Renew DRS partners with organizations across North America to host group mission trips. These local organizations provide both housing and work coordination, which allows us to be very flexible in accommodating group mission trips with people of different ages and skill sets, a variety of group sizes, and most date preferences.

### What are the accommodations like?

Accommodations vary between locations. You may have air mattresses on a gym floor and a kitchen to prepare your own meals, or beds and meals may be provided. Your preferences can be taken into account when planning.

### How much does it cost?

Costs vary between locations in which you may serve, but typically ranges from \$0-25 per person per night. Your group is responsible for all costs associated with your trip, and fundraising is a great way to get your entire congregation involved. World Renew DRS does not charge any fees for coordinating your mission trip.

### Is there an age limit?

We recommend high school age and up. Some locations may make accommodations for younger children as long as a parent or guardian accompanies them at all times.

### We are interested! What is the first step?

Glad to hear it! Visit [worldrenew.net/volunteer](http://worldrenew.net/volunteer) to find communities you can serve, or contact our office.

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