

# FAQ

## **What age do I have to be?**

You must be between the ages of 18 and 24, and currently enrolled in high school or post-secondary education.

## **What kind of trips can I do with World Renew?**

Many of World Renew's international volunteer opportunities are open to you through EMBARK, from short volunteer trips spanning several weeks or months to the possibility of 1-2 year volunteer opportunities.

## **Can I go on a group trip, even though I was accepted to EMBARK as an individual?**

Yes. Other EMBARK members could be grouped with you by World Renew to be sent on a trip together as a team. Of course, you can also choose to do an individual volunteer trip.

## **Can I go on more than one trip?**

Yes, you can continue to keep your account open after completing a trip with World Renew. Extra funds from the first trip will be carried over to the second.

## **How can my family/friends/church donate?**

Your family, friends and church community may send a donation by cash or cheque addressed to World Renew and marked with your name and fund code. Donations may also be made online on the worldrenew.net website. All funds will be deposited directly into the your account.

## **Can I use the funds I have raised on a trip with an organization other than World Renew?**

Not at this time. World Renew prefers that you commit to World Renew's programs, but can transfer funds to another agency within the CRCNA if the applicant decides to go abroad with another agency.

## **Is it required that I do local community service before going on my trip?**

Yes. Engaging in service work in local communities before departure is a way to prepare for doing community service abroad, and demonstrates the capacity to serve in a variety of contexts. As a participant in EMBARK you are required to complete a minimum of 8 service hours per month. This position should ideally correlate with your area of interest or skill in one of the Sustainable Development Goals. You can set up your own position, or World Renew can assist in finding an opportunity with a local partner organization.

## **What kind of support can I expect from World Renew throughout the planning process?**

World Renew provides you and your mentor with a one-year series of study guides called "Eyes Wide Open". The study guides include devotionals, strengths training, and readings in the focus areas of PLAN, LEARN, GROW and SERVE to best prepare you for a future of service both at home and abroad.

## **Is there a minimum amount I have to raise each year before my trip?**

All participants are encouraged to raise a suggested minimum of \$500 USD annually in order to maintain the account in good standing and keep funds accruing. You will meet with GVP staff to create a goals plan for fundraising\*\*.

*"And I ask Him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Experience its breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God."  
Ephesians 3:18*

**Is there a time limit for the funds to be raised and used?**

The funds raised must be used by age 25. Funds not used within this time will be transferred into the World Renew General Fund\*\*.

**How do I close my account?**

The account will be closed when all available funds have been used towards a trip, after the account has been open for seven years, and/or when you no longer wish to keep the account open for additional trips. Money which is leftover in the fund after account closure will not be given back to you, but will be transferred to the World Renew General Fund\*\*

\*\*Contributions are solicited with the understanding that the donee organization (World Renew) has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds.