

HOME MISSION: `Til the Work Is Done

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Home Mission: `Til the Work Is Done – FAQs

1. How do I participate in Home Mission: `Til the Work Is Done?

- a. Assign a group leader to be responsible for making and confirming reservations. If you are not coming in a group, you are still very welcome to participate.
- b. Download registration packet at www.abhms.org/caring_ministries/vim and return application and release forms with the registration fee.
- c. Once the forms are received, you will receive a confirmation letter/e-mail and a volunteer information packet. The volunteer information packet will include detailed information on housing, the agenda, what to expect and what to bring.

2. What is the time commitment?

Volunteers are asked to serve one week. Arrive on Saturday or Sunday, work Monday-Friday, and travel home on Saturday. If your schedule only permits you to come for part of the week, you are definitely welcome to join us.

3. Are there any age requirements?

NO! Youth groups must include an appropriate ratio of 1 adult advisor for every 4 youth of each gender.

4. Do I need to be a member of a church?

No. All are welcome to participate.

5. How can I help even if I can't go to Home Mission: `Til the Work Is Done?

- a. Sponsor someone else that desires to attend.
- b. Host a fundraiser to support volunteers and other costs.
- c. Help recruit volunteers.
- d. Offer prayers for the region and the volunteers.

6. What type of work will I be doing?

A variety of home repair activities like painting, laying sheet rock, and cutting grass and a variety of community service projects. We ask that you come with willing hands and hearts.

7. What do I need to bring with me?

- Work clothes that can get dirty and are suitable for hot, sunny, humid days
- A change of clothes for the end of the work day
- Closed-toed shoes that are suitable for construction work
- Sunscreen and a hat
- Water bottle
- Hand Sanitizer
- Plastic or cotton work gloves
- Personal hygiene items
- Sleeping bag or linens and pillow for twin size bed
- Small lock for valuables
- Small personal flashlight

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8. Do I have to bring my own tools?

No, the local organization has all of the tools that are needed. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own eye protection and work gloves; however safety equipment will be provided for those who do not have any. Volunteers are notified if they need to bring any particular tools.

9. Do I need to have construction skills?

No. Unskilled volunteers, male or female, with a willingness to learn are invited to work alongside those who are skilled.

10. Is there any other kind of help needed besides construction?

Yes. People are needed to run errands and other tasks to help the Home Mission: `Til the Work Is Done run smoothly.

11. Is there any special training?

Volunteers are not required to receive special training. The local disaster organization trains volunteers to serve in various areas of construction.

12. If I'm flying to New Orleans, which airport should I use?

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY), 20 miles; approximately 30-minute drive

13. Do I need my own transportation?

It is recommended that volunteers provide their own transportation to and from worksites. If needed, assistance will be provided regarding finding suitable transportation to and from worksites.

14. What can I expect for housing accommodations?

Housing will be dorm style at a local volunteer center.

15. What can I expect for food accommodations?

All meals will be provided. We will do our best to accommodate the needs of vegetarians and those with food allergies.