



VISION YEAR - AFRICA REVOLUTION'S ONE YEAR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Partnering- Vision year works by identifying trustworthy partners who are currently doing biblically based ministry in Africa, yet are in need of more manpower. Many such ministries are able to draw short-term visitors or volunteers, but need capable people willing to give a more substantial amount of time to serving and building into their ministry. In order to aid those who are busy about their good works, AR seeks to identify those capable, teachable, willing individuals; train them for a cross-cultural, team-based serving environment, and do the work of shepherding and facilitating the discipleship component of the year for these volunteers so that the partner ministry is in no way burdened, but only helped by them. (AR also takes care of all their administrative and logistical needs for the year.)

Volunteers- This structured visional and missional experience looks to take participants deeper into exploring what a life of serving daily, growing deeply and living out the Kingdom can look like. We have a two fold goal for our Vision Year program. The first and primary goal is to equip team members with life long Biblical convictions regarding the issues that are close to the heart of God. Team members learn from those in Africa in challenging and practical ways as well as from each other by doing life together. Secondly, team members spend much of their time serving and building into the partner ministry. Together we will align the volunteer's gifts and abilities with needs in the community. Some spend their time transferring skills (e.g. teaching computers, tutoring or coaching). The team will be exposed to countless opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus to others. Yet our goal is not to send saviors to Africa, but to send humble, teachable, learners and workers.

The program is 11 months of living in community. Team members must make a commitment to live and serve without going home (unless dire circumstances dictate that they must.) for this period of time. They will begin the year with a week-long orientation in the United States; then they will fly to South Africa for two additional weeks of intensive training and orientation. Team members will receive weekly training while in the country where they serve. Each person will be a member of a team that will live in a house together in intentional, incarnational community in or near the area in which they will be serving.

For team members, a chief focus of the year will be the formation and development of life-long Biblical convictions regarding suffering, poverty, restoration and justice, as well as other key issues that make Africa the perfect classroom for these critical lessons of life and faith. Each team will participate in an intentional spiritual formation program. Our informal reading and discussion curriculum and daily hands on experience will lead the team to a thorough understanding of what it means to be part of the Kingdom of God in today's world. Team members will truly do life together. They will eat together, serve together, read together and pray together each day as they grow in their understanding of not just their community and its needs but the King and His Kingdom.

Africa Revolution wants to provide a unique opportunity for people to be able to build God's Kingdom in an international context and be transformed by it. At the end of the year, individuals will participate in one full week of debrief before traveling home. This will be a time of discussion and reflection on their experiences, as well as a time for them to relax. After they return home, sometime during the next year, the team will be encouraged to get together for a reunion at a conference or a weekend away with their old team mates and the Africa Revolution staff for a time of encouragement and fellowship.

We believe this whole experience will radically change individual's lives as well as be a blessing to ministries and communities in Africa.

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