

OMEGA Mission International Volunteer Application Packet

OMEGA Mission International is a 501 C3 non-profit ministry of support for rural churches, communities, and organizations in Tanzania, East Africa. OMEGA offers support by building structures, providing training, developing local resources and abilities, and supporting local churches in their ministry. This is accomplished through the work of short term mission teams, volunteers, and professionals.



Our Vision

OMEGA is a Christian organization with one vision and purpose for coming into existence: to provide opportunity for a positive transformation to occur in the lives of both North Americans and people living in underdeveloped communities throughout the world. OMEGA desires to reach these two distinctly different groups by bringing mission teams, volunteers, and professionals into contact with poor communities in developing nations in order to assist with grassroots community development projects.

OMEGA believes that this approach offers life-changing experiences for all involved: North American visitors have the unique opportunity to engage in and learn from a new culture, while communities are blessed by the assistance provided. This meaningful combination of experience and assistance leads to the sustainable transformation of individual lives and entire communities.

Our Mission Statement says it best:

“The primary goal of OMEGA Mission International is to transform lives in rural communities and outreach groups through international cross-cultural experiences and community development partnerships.”

If you would like to join the OMEGA community of dedicated volunteers who are working on community development, building, and teaching projects in northern Tanzania, then please fill out the attached OMEGA Volunteer Application Form.



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OMEGA Volunteer Application Form

Personal Details

First Name: _____ Last name: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / _____

Passport No: _____

Address: _____

Current Occupation: _____

E-mail: _____ Mobile: _____

Tel.: _____ Fax: _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Mobile: _____

Tel.: _____ Fax: _____

Dates Available: From: _____ To: _____

Where did you first hear about OMEGA's Volunteer program? _____

Experience and Motivation

Have you previously participated in voluntary activities? Yes No

If yes, please detail: _____

What is your motivation for participating in this program? _____

Have you ever traveled or lived abroad? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

Clarify any Skills you can offer and Housing Preferences:

Skilled Volunteers:

Academic reinforcement

- Teacher Training Seminars (all schools)
- Business Management (MCF, MCF Farm)
- Administration (MCF, Amani, Tuamkeni, Step by Step)
- Library Management (MCF, Amani,)
- Computer Training Skills (Amani, MCF, Help for the Masai)

Community development

- Fundraising at the local level (Amani, Machame, Wari, Step by Step, Tuamkeni)
- Grant and Proposal writing (Amani, Machame, Wari,)
- Community awareness / involvement campaign (All projects and schools)
- Parent Teacher Associations (All Schools)

English teaching

- Secondary English for Teachers (All Schools)
- Beginner English for Students and Parents (All Schools)

Construction

- Electrical Engineers (Amani, Step by Step, Help for the Masai)
- Cement / Block laying (Amani, Step by Step, Help for the Masai)

Carpentry

- Maintenance of Machinery, Repair, and Teacher Training for Shop Teacher (Wari)

Unskilled Volunteers:

- Tutoring (Amani, Help for the Masai)
- Teacher Assistant (Amani, Help for the Masai)
- Project assistant (Help for the Masai, OMEGA)
- Special Education assistant (Step by Step)
- Sports Assistant / PE Teacher / Coach
- Painting / Basic Maintenance

Please list any Additional Skills you may have to offer:

Housing and Living Preferences:

- Village:** Tent or Mud hut, latrine toilets, bucket baths, no electricity, no inet. 100% immersion into African Culture.
- Semi-rural:** Cement House, Latrine toilets, possible electricity, possible inet service within walking distance. 50-70% immersion into African Culture.
- Urban:** Cement House, Toilets, running water, inet access. 30-50% immersion into African Culture.

References

Please give the names and contact details of two referees (one of whom should either be your employer or teacher) who we can contact in relation to your application.

1. Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Tel.: _____

2. Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Tel.: _____

Medical Information

Do you suffer from any allergies? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please describe which kind and what the symptoms are: _____

Do you have any special dietary requirements? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please specify: _____

Do you require any ongoing or temporary medical treatment? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please specify: _____

Are you receiving treatment/counseling for any physical or psychiatric conditions? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please specify (having a condition may not exclude you from participation): _____

Have you had any recent injuries? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please give details: _____

When did you last have a tetanus injection? _____

Please give details of any other relevant information regarding your health: _____

Please give the contact details for your family doctor:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Costs and Breakdown of Expenses

Approximate Volunteer Costs:

- 1 week – 1 Month \$900
- Each additional week \$140

Breakdown of expenses:

- Project Expenses: 90%
 - Project development 50%
 - Project Materials and Supplies
 - Field Expenses 40%
 - Pre trip preparation, hotels and home stays, food, participant support, communication
- Administration: 10%
 - Set up, accounting, utilities, office expenses, equipment, volunteer supervision, follow up

1. No application can be processed without the relevant \$100 deposit.
2. The total amount will be determined depending on project, housing, and length of program.
3. All prices are quoted in USD. The balance of the program fee should be paid not later than 4 weeks before departure.
4. OMEGA reserves the right to cancel any program for which full payment has not been received 21 days before departure.
5. The following scale of cancellation charges shall apply. Before placement: 20%, After placement: 50%, No show: 100%.

Terms and Conditions

1. OMEGA's Volunteer Program welcome applicants with a sincere desire to develop understanding and friendship between people of different cultures and backgrounds and with the ability to adapt easily to daily life in another culture.
2. OMEGA reserves the right to refuse participation on any program to any person(s) demonstrating discriminatory attitudes in relations to race, class, occupation, religion or color.
3. Participants agree at all times to consider themselves ambassadors for their country and to respect the culture and property of their hosts.
4. Participants agree to abide by OMEGA dress requirements and security suggestions dependant on project location.
5. Participants will be responsible for obtaining a valid Passport and purchasing their visa prior to, or upon arrival in Tanzania.
6. Participants will be responsible for raising the required funds needed to cover their airfare, living, and project expenses.
7. Participants will be responsible for setting up and funding any additional activities they wish to do. Options include climbing mountains, hiking, walking or photographic safari's, beach excursions, snorkeling, scuba diving, Zanzibar visit, etc.
8. Participants traveling to all destinations agree to seek medical advice on any vaccinations or medical/dietary issues prior to departure.
9. Participants will be responsible for purchasing relevant medical and travel insurance as Insurance is **NOT** included in the cost of the program. OMEGA recommends that you consider purchasing International Insurance Coverage with the following features.

Key features:

- a. Unlimited medical and hospital treatment abroad
 - b. Any medical costs resulting from an accident
 - c. Liability cover up to \$500,000
 - d. Limited life insurance, accidental disability and emergency dental treatment cover.
 - e. Please note that you need to purchase additional travel insurance to cover you for delay/cancellation of flights/program.
10. Participants agree to contact their Volunteer Coordinator in the event of any difficulties or problems arising.
 11. Applicants should be as flexible as possible in their requirements regarding placements. Every effort will be made to meet specific requirements but these can never be guaranteed.
 12. OMEGA accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss, illness or accident suffered by a participant during the program however caused.
 13. The possibility exists of transport delays or cancellations due to weather conditions, industrial disputes or other causes; while OMEGA greatly regrets any inconvenience caused to participants, it can not be held responsible for any repercussions, financial or otherwise caused by weather conditions, war fire, flood, strike, industrial dispute, terrorist activities, hostilities, political unrest, riot, civil commotion, inevitable accident, act of God, or other circumstances amounting to force major.

Declaration

Have you ever been convicted of a Criminal Offence? Yes No

If yes, Explain in detail:

I confirm that nothing within my personal or professional background deems me unsuitable for a project which involves working with children or minors under the age of 18. I declare that I have completed each section above to the best of my knowledge and that I have read and accept the Terms and Conditions of this program.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Release of Liability

In signing this form, I, _____ agree not to hold OMEGA Mission International, Inc., a Texas corporation, and the officers, associates, or other agents of OMEGA Mission International, Inc. liable for any injury, loss, damage, or accident that I might encounter while as a volunteer that OMEGA Mission International, Inc., is helping to facilitate.

I realize and acknowledge that my participation as a volunteer to a foreign country includes many risks and possible dangers. I am well aware that my travel to such a foreign country exposes me to such risks as accidents, disease, war, political unrest, injury from development projects, and other calamities.

I hereby assume any such risks that might result from my travel to a foreign country, and I unconditionally agree to hold OMEGA Mission International, Inc., and the officers, associates, or other agents of OMEGA Mission International, Inc., blameless for any liability concerning my personal health and well being, or any liability for my personal property that might be lost, damaged, or stolen while as a volunteer.

I have read the foregoing and I understand that my signature herein holds OMEGA Mission International, Inc., and the officers, associates, or other agents of OMEGA Mission International, Inc., harmless for any liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of schedule.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

WITNESSED BY:

SIGNED:

Signature - Volunteer

Print name – Volunteer

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____

On This _____ day of _____, 20_____ before me personally appeared

_____ to be known to be the person who executed the above release,

and acknowledged that _____ voluntarily executed the same.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Date of expiration of Notary Commission

Notary Seal