



Group Services Volunteers 2016

San Diego

3/19/2016 - 4/08/2016

More dates may open up, if your spring break/vacation doesn't fit into these dates please contact Amor directly to inquire about other dates.

Requirements to be a Group Services Volunteer:

- You must have participated in one of our volunteer programs or internships in a previous year.
- You must be over the age of 18.
- You must have a current passport book or passport card to participate.
- The fee is \$115 for one week, and \$30 for each additional week.
- You must provide your own tent.
- Weeks start on a Saturday and end on a Friday—you must be available the entire week.
- Once you have been accepted into the program you will receive a follow up packet of information that will help you know what to expect— *please do not make travel arrangements until you receive the acceptance packet.*

Thank you for your interest in joining us to serve in 2016! We look forward to this process as we work together to provide transformational experiences that manifest the kindness, justice & humility of Jesus. Please e-mail or fax this paper work back to the Amor office ASAP along with your non-refundable deposit of \$30. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail us, and we will help in any way we can.

At your service— Erin Lyde

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Dear Prospective Group Services Volunteer,

WE NEED YOU!! Every Spring, thousands of people come with Amor Ministries to build homes alongside families in need. Since this is such a huge undertaking we need volunteers to assist the Amor Team in a number of ways. We need people who are willing to look for opportunities to serve, both little and big—being the important support and encouragement to everyone you encounter this spring.

As a Group Services Volunteer you will assist our Group Services team, helping with the ongoing care of our mission trip groups on work sites and at camp. During the days we will assign you to work with a specific mission trip group on a work site or two, helping them with whatever is needed. Some groups will have a lot of experience on work sites, and some will be brand new to the process. Every group has a different history and culture, as well as different goals and expectations for their mission trip. It is the role of the Group Services Volunteer to meet whatever need arises for their group during the week. To do this effectively you will need to be a humble servant, working to allow the leadership within the group to thrive by being available to them.

During the evenings you will serve at camp in our La Cocina program, the Amor Store, or have some time to rest—each night may be different. We are looking for people with a *“serve wherever needed”* attitude.

For 35 years, individuals such as yourself from all over the U.S., Canada, Australia, and the U.K. have been coming down to serve with Amor Ministries through our volunteer programs. Countless lives have been impacted through the service that our volunteers have provided—including the lives of the volunteers themselves! This year, you can spend a week or up to three weeks serving groups and Amor Ministries as we act on what God has called us to do. It is an amazing opportunity that we hope you take advantage of. **It is only \$115 for a week, and then \$30 more for each additional week.** All of the forms you need to fill out for the application process are included in this packet. Please consider serving with Amor Ministries as a Group Services Volunteer.

The United States now requires all US citizens to show a passport book or passport card when crossing the border from Mexico into the US. Volunteering with Amor as a Group Services Volunteer requires you to cross the US/Mexico border, so you will be required to have a current passport book or passport card. Please apply early as the process may take a while and involves a fee. If you have questions about this please visit www.getyouhome.gov, or call our office.

Please let us know what questions you have; we are always happy to help!

God Bless~

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Group Services Volunteer Application

Amor Ministries - 1664 Precision Park Lane - San Diego, CA 92173



PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY AND PRINT CLEARLY

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name		E-mail	
Do you speak Spanish? (check one) Fluent _____ Some _____ Not at all _____			
Phone Number		Date of Birth	Gender

MAILING INFORMATION

Mailing Address		Apt. or Dorm Room	
City		State	Zip
Emergency Contact		Relation	Phone #
Address		City	State
		Zip	

CHURCH/MISSION TRIP INFORMATION

Have you ever participated on an Amor Mission Trip? _____ If yes, how many trips and what years? _____

Which Amor team members have you served with in the past? _____

Have you ever served in one of our volunteer programs or internships before? _____

If yes, what program and when? _____

Church/Group Name		Denomination	
Address		City	State
		Zip	

AVAILABILITY

Please list the dates you are available

EXPERIENCE

Do you have any skills, education, or work or volunteer experience that will be helpful for us to know as you serve with us? (We are also just interested in learning a little bit about you from the start!)

Signature		Date
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The Application Process (Please Read)

1. Send in this application, background check release form, reference form, and your \$30 non refundable deposit. Please make a copy of the completed forms for your records. **International participants may need to pay extra for an international background check. Please call Amor for more information.**
2. After acceptance, additional forms will be sent to you that will help you to prepare for your time with Amor Ministries.

General Information

- All questions regarding the Group Services Volunteer Program can be directed to:
Erin Lyde
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Group Services Volunteer

Character Reference

_____ has applied for acceptance in the Amor Ministries Volunteer Program and has chosen you as a character reference.

Amor Ministries volunteers live in Mexico, and interact with adults and young people of all ages, denominations, cultures and backgrounds, and work long hours in a very primitive setting on a daily basis. They will live in close community with the rest of the volunteer team and staff from time to time. While it is a wonderful service opportunity, it can be difficult physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Your insights are essential to the success of our selection process. Please fill out this questionnaire in as much detail as you can and return it to Amor Ministries, 1664 Precision Park Lane, San Diego, CA 92173, erin@amor.org, or fax—619.512.4360, attn. Erin Lyde, as soon as possible. Feel free to call us at 619.662.1200 x 128 if you have relevant information to share beyond what the form requests; our concern is that we create the best possible environment for each candidate and for the entire volunteer team. All of the information provided will be kept strictly confidential.

Person Completing Reference: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address:: _____

If employed, name of company and title:: _____

How long have you known the candidate, and in what capacity? _____

How well do you know the candidate? (5=Extremely well; 1=Casual acquaintance) _____

The following factors can greatly affect a volunteer's ability to fulfill his/her job responsibilities and to adjust to community living. Please rate the candidate in each area listed: (add comments where applicable)

Sensitivity to others (compassionate=5; insensitive=1) _____

Communication skills (excellent=5; poor=1) _____

Social interaction (very outgoing=5; reclusive=1) _____

Emotional stability (stable=5; unstable=1) _____

Spiritual development (mature=5; immature=1) _____

Response to authority (cooperative=5; rebellious=1) _____

Personal motivation (shows initiative=5; apathetic=1) _____

Leadership skills (strong leader=5; strong follower=1) _____

Ability to interact in a team (cooperative=5; very independent=1) _____

Ability to interact with adults (confident=5; intimidated=1) _____

Follow-through on tasks (dependable=5; irresponsible=1) _____

Acceptance of cultural differences (tolerant=5; intolerant=1) _____

Over-all recommendation (without reservation=5; not recommended=1) _____

Is there anything you would like to add? _____
