

VOLUNTEERING WITH SAMARITAN'S PURSE – MARSHALL, AK

IMPORTANT PRE-TRIP INFO

Thank you for partnering with Samaritan's Purse as we update and repair a church in Marshall, AK. The Marshall, AK Church was constructed by Samaritan's Purse volunteers in 2010. This church will serve as a youth center for the village, it also includes a parsonage for the pastor and his family. Marshall is a Yupik Eskimo village of approximately 400 people located on the Yukon River 400 miles west of Anchorage.

SITE INFORMATION

Marshall, AK Church
Site Staff: Russ Richardson

WHAT TO EXPECT ONSITE

ARRIVAL: Volunteers will depart Anchorage on Saturday, and return to Anchorage the following Saturday by Samaritan's Purse plane.

LODGING/MEALS:

- Volunteers are housed in the current Marshall church parsonage.
- Volunteers will be provided a twin size bed and linens.
- Showers are available in the provided housing location.
- All meals are provided. Please note: We may not be able to accommodate special dietary needs.
- Volunteers will not have access to laundry facilities. Bring enough clothes for the duration of your stay.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION: All volunteers must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test to staff upon check-in.



DAILY SCHEDULE

6:30 AM – Breakfast & Devotions
8:00 AM – Depart for Work Site
12:00 PM – Lunch at Work Site
6:00 PM - Dinner & Share Time

ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS & TOBACCO:

- Please do not use tobacco products (including e-cigarettes), alcohol, or drugs (or other substances) while serving with Samaritan's Purse. Those who cannot abide by this policy will be asked to leave.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Review Volunteer Policies and Guidelines online at: <https://www.spvolunteer.org/faq>

Each volunteer/ team member, should complete all Volunteer Forms online at <https://www.spvolunteer.org>. A clear Background Check is required prior to arrival. **Volunteers without completed forms or an approved background check will not be allowed to stay onsite.**

Review Safety Guidelines online at <https://www.spvolunteer.org/safety>

Each team member should be current on their Tetanus Vaccination.

CANCELLATIONS or QUESTIONS:

Updates or Questions: If you need to make any changes to your trip or have questions please call the HQ Volunteer Coordinator - Name at 828-278-1827 to discuss.

WHAT TO PACK – CHECK LIST

The following is a suggestion, but is not comprehensive. We discourage you from taking excessive cash or personal valuables due to risk of damage or theft. Samaritan's Purse doesn't provide insurance for lost or damaged property.

Climates vary from site to site; therefore, you may want to check the weather forecast for the location where you are serving.

- Bible (Journal will be available)
- T-shirts (2 Samaritan's Purse t-shirts will be provided)
- Long Pants
- Long sleeve shirts (as needed)
- Hat (1 Samaritan's Purse hat will be provided)
- Sturdy work shoes (Boots or Tennis Shoes)
- Clothing to wear at base camp (appropriate length shorts)
- Shoes to wear at base camp
- Jacket or Coat
- Rain Gear
- Pajamas (appropriate for communal sleeping)
- Small Backpack (to carry to worksite)
- Water Bottle
- Earplugs and/or Sleeping mask
- Bath Towels
- Shower Shoes
- Toiletries and Shower Caddy
- Medications
- Cell Phone & Charger
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Small Flashlight & Batteries
- Snacks (for special dietary needs)

Volunteer Package:

Each Alaska volunteer is provided with a package of needed items prior to their trip. This package will include 1 long sleeve t-shirt, 1 short sleeve t-shirt, a work jacket, SP hat, volunteer journal, Steps to Peace with God Pamphlet, and two salvation poem cards. These items will be helpful to you while on your trip. Please plan to wear these items while serving.

Special Consideration:

For flight from Anchorage to Marshall, please make sure your luggage is under 50 lbs.

TOOLS

To Bring:

- Work Gloves
- Safety Glasses
- Tool Belt (optional)

