

The Pre-Mission Trip Visit:

1. Get to know the location and the persons you will be working with during your mission trip.
2. Look at the housing and meal options/ locations.
3. Clarify expectations for all parties concerned.
4. Clarify who pays for what during the mission trip.
5. Look at the mission site, take pictures, and Prayerwalk or Prayerdrive the area.
6. Establish who will be the **contact person** with the receiving site and the sending church/association.
7. Confirm the dates and agreed upon commitments in writing.
8. Keep the lines of communication open and current.

Before the Mission Trip

1. Take time to read the **“Pre-Project and Mission Trip Planning Guide.”**
2. Use the **“40 Day Devotional Manual”** as a training guide for your team. The spiritual preparation is vital.
3. Involve your church/association in the process by soliciting **Prayer Partners.**
4. Go to **www.armtube.org** for cultural awareness training.

The above materials to help you have a successful mission trip can be downloaded at www.arministry.org/projects.htm



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You can also visit the ARM website for a current list of projects/mission opportunities.

www.arministry.org

**Appalachian Regional
Ministry- your Number One
source for finding mission
opportunities in Appalachia.**

Appalachian Regional Ministry is part of the Adult Volunteer Mobilization Team at NAMB. For a complete listing of volunteer mission opportunities in North America go to The Bridge (www.thebridge.namb.net).



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**Finding
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Before You Start Your Search:

Pray for wisdom and direction in seeking your mission opportunity.

The Discovery Stage: Questions to answer before you Start Your Search:

1. What are the gifts and skills of our church/association?
2. What are you wanting to do?
Construction, home repair, outreach, VBS, musical, work in a food pantry, etc.
3. What age groups are you planning to take on the mission trip? Youth, adults, mixed, collegiate, senior adults, family, homeschoolers, etc.
4. What size group are you planning to take on the mission trip? Remember with children and youth you will need at least one adult for every eight children/youth.
5. What type of housing will you need? On site, area motels, campgrounds, etc.
6. Will you prepare meals on site or eat in local restaurants?
7. How far are you willing to travel?
8. What time of the year are you planning to take your mission trip?
9. What are the expectations of your group for this mission trip?
10. What are your plans for evangelism and follow-up?



Searching for the Right Missions Project

Steps to take for a successful mission trip:

1. Go to www.arministry.org and click on **Projects**. If you do not have access to the internet call 606-316-4298 for assistance.
2. The webpage will open with a listing of the states covered by Appalachian Regional Ministry. Click on the state where you feel God is leading you to do missions.
3. The state webpage will open sharing specific information about available mission opportunities. For a complete listing of current mission opportunities in that state click on the **“Current Directory of Mission Opportunities.”** The directory of mission opportunities will be in a .pdf file (Adobe).
4. You can right click on the Directory, click on “Save Target As” and save the file to

your computer or you can open the Directory online.

5. On the main **Project** page you can download or open the Directory that contains all the mission opportunities listed with A.R.M. for the Appalachian Region.
6. Look carefully and prayerfully through the Directory and identify those projects that best fit what you feel God is calling you to do on this mission trip.
7. After prayer, prioritize the list. If you need assistance call 606-316-4298 or email bbarker@arministry.org.
8. Start working through your priority list, calling the contact person and discussing your mission trip with them—dates, housing, expectations, etc.
9. If the dates are open, arrange to do a pre-mission trip visit as early as possible. If this site does not work out, continue working through your list of priorities.
10. Make the pre-mission vision trip.

