

## 2009 EMX Opportunity List

Below you will find a list of our EMX partner ministries. Each opportunity is ranked:

*“E” (Easy) For leaders and/or groups who are new to mission trips. You may have never gone on a mission trip or have done only one experience. These well-organized opportunities are perfect for those new to the mission world. These sites have staff available to help you in all areas throughout the week, including places to stay, supplies, food, spiritual support, and long-standing relationships in the community. If you have never participated in a mission opportunity we strongly recommend that you try a Passport Youth Camp that incorporates mission emphases on a daily basis before participating in EMX. Visit Passport at [www.passportcamps.org](http://www.passportcamps.org) for more information.*

*“M” (Medium) For those leaders and/or groups that have gone on a couple of mission opportunities, yet are still learning the ropes. These exchanges are well staffed and require a bit more planning and training of the group prior to the trip, including self-arrangements for food preparation and housing.*

*“X” (eXtra-challenging) For those groups and/or leaders who are seasoned veterans. You and/or your group have been going on mission for several years and are ready for a new challenge. These mission environments offer rewarding work and contacts in highly demanding contexts. You will need to generate your own leadership (among youth and adults) with substantial training prior to the experience. Improvisational skills and humor are pre-requisites.*

Each exchange opportunity includes details on housing, estimated costs and suggested schedule. Certain opportunities operate on a rigid schedule to assure an even flow of volunteers. When calculating your group's costs, realize that long-distance and local transportation is not included. The costs listed refer only to those on-site; housing, meals and any other administrative costs for the exchange. For more information about each opportunity, log on to [www.episcopalmissionexchange.org](http://www.episcopalmissionexchange.org).

**E**      **Arlington, Texas – Mission Arlington**      **Ongoing**  
Minister to children in apartment complexes through day camp, sports camp, etc.  
Groups will also be involved in various work projects.

*Housing: Free of charge groups will stay in one of the following Mission Arlington locations: 1) a storefront; 2) a church; 3) a gym; or 4) an unfurnished apartment. These accommodations will provide a clean, safe place on the floor to sleep, restrooms, showers, and a kitchenette. Groups will need to bring with them whatever they need - even down to pots and pans, toilet paper, soap. Housing is assigned a few weeks before arrival.*

*Estimated cost per person: food and transportation costs*

*Schedule: Arrive by Sunday evening*

*Website: [www.missionarlington.org](http://www.missionarlington.org)*

**E**      **Homestead, Florida – Open House Ministries**      **Summer**  
Mission teams of 8-15 people will host one week of summer camp in a hyper-poor community. Each team will assist with elementary and youth summer programs. Responsibilities may include leading worship and skits, coordinating and leading crafts, Bible Studies, music and recreation. Responsibilities may also include specific projects such as building garden boxes.

*Housing: a local church, a mission house or a hotel*

*Estimated cost per person: \$200*

*Schedule: Sunday orientation, Monday – Friday mission days*

*Website: [www.floridacbf.org/fl/ohm.htm](http://www.floridacbf.org/fl/ohm.htm)*

- E**      **Miami, Florida – Touching Miami with Love**      **Summer**  
 Your (10-60 participants) week in Miami will start with serving the homeless community through leading our Downtown Mission. You will have the opportunity to lead worship, preach, assist in providing clothing, and serving a meal. The remainder of the week your group will have the opportunity to love on children and their parents through our summer day camp. In the afternoon you will work in a community garden, participate in a community BBQ, and provide support with 'Movie Night' for the homeless community in Miami.
- Housing: local church or retreat center*  
*Estimated cost per person: under \$250; deposit and contract required*  
*Schedule: Sunday is the start day*  
*Website: [www.touchingmiamiwithlove.org](http://www.touchingmiamiwithlove.org)*
- E**      **Kentucky – Reading Camp**      **Summer**  
 Reading Camp is a program designed to serve the lowest achieving readers in their third and fourth grade classrooms as identified by their teachers and principals. Reading Camp is supported by youth groups that share their time as counselors and act as a positive presence in the lives of the campers. This is done as they lead the campers on a hike, help with crafts, support a repelling excursion, or be reading them a book before bedtime.
- Housing: host family or camp facility*  
*Estimated Cost per person: \$325*  
*Schedule: five days in the months of June & July*  
*Website: [www.diolex.org/readingcamp.htm](http://www.diolex.org/readingcamp.htm)*
- M**      **Perry County, Alabama - Rural Poverty Initiative**      **Ongoing**  
 Opportunities for ministry in an area with few financial resources. Ministry opportunities include housing rehab, day camps, sports camps, literacy, tutoring, healthcare projects and more.
- Housing: Judson College*  
*Estimated cost per person: under \$200*  
*Schedule: Sunday is start day*  
*Website: [www.sowingseedsofhope.org](http://www.sowingseedsofhope.org)*
- M**      **Appalachia - Kentucky – Rural Poverty Initiative**      **Summer**  
 Opportunities for ministry in an area with few financial resources. Ministry opportunities include housing rehab, day camps, literacy projects and more.
- Housing: volunteer houses, retreat centers and motels*  
*Estimated cost per person: under \$300*  
*Schedule: Flexible on arrival and departure*  
*Website: [www.mountainhopeky.org](http://www.mountainhopeky.org)*
- M**      **Rio Grande Valley, Texas –Rural Poverty Initiative**      **Ongoing**  
**Buckner Children and Family Services**  
 Vacation Bible School, ESL, work with low-income families in the Colonias and light repair projects. Work is through two community centers and a children's home.
- Housing: a local hotel, retreat center or church*  
*Estimated cost per person: under \$300*  
*Schedule: Flexible on arrival and departure*  
*Website: [www.thefellowship.info/Missions/Ministries/Together-for-Hope](http://www.thefellowship.info/Missions/Ministries/Together-for-Hope)  
[www.bucknerchildren.org/riograndevalley/index.asp](http://www.bucknerchildren.org/riograndevalley/index.asp)*

- M-X **Quinton, New Jersey – Persian World Outreach Center** Ongoing  
 Groups are needed to assist with upcoming construction, landscaping and outreach projects. Groups also have the opportunity to attend fellowships with individuals from local Afghan and Iranian communities.  
*Housing: a local camp*  
*Estimated cost per person: \$100-150*  
*Schedule: Flexible on arrival and departure*  
*Website: [www.persianwo.org](http://www.persianwo.org)*
- M-X **Bay St. Louis, MS – Mission on the Bay** Ongoing  
 Groups needed to help with the ongoing cleanup and recovery after Hurricane Katrina. Mission on the Bay is affiliated with Lutheran Episcopal Services of Mississippi and is located on the property of Christ Episcopal Church which was completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.  
*Housing: Groups stay in air-conditioned Quonset huts on site. Meals are provided.*  
*Estimated Cost: \$20 per person per night – includes lodging, meals, snacks*  
*Schedule: Flexible on arrival and departure. Sunday is a day of rest for groups and staff.*  
*Website: [www.dioms.org/katrina/mission-bay.html](http://www.dioms.org/katrina/mission-bay.html)*
- M-X **Delta Counties in MS - Rural Poverty Initiative** Summer  
 Join with Delta communities to offer Sports, Music, or Art Camps for children and youth. Focus communities in Mississippi include Greenville, Mayersville, Tchula and Lexington. Able to accommodate four groups of 10 to 30 youth and sponsors. Camps may be scheduled for the same week or staggered.  
*Housing: a local hotel*  
*Estimated cost per person: under \$300*  
*Schedule: Flexible on arrival and departure*  
*Website: [www.thefellowship.info/Missions/Ministries/Together-for-Hope](http://www.thefellowship.info/Missions/Ministries/Together-for-Hope)*
- M-X **Wassilla, AK – Alaska Wilderness Mission Camps** Summer  
 Alaska Wilderness Mission Camps allow groups the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways throughout the state of Alaska. While in Alaska groups can help with Vacation Bible Schools or participate in a work projects repairing homes and churches.
- X **International Options - Canada** Ongoing  
 Several options are available in Canada. Projects available including construction, creative ministry and refugee ministry. Contact the Episcopal Mission Exchange office if you would like more information.