

Shelby Mission Camp – Ministry Opportunities

At the Shelby Mission Camp our goal is to offer well organized missions opportunities that engage Churches and individual Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus' name.

In order to accomplish this, we focus most of our ministry efforts into four main ministries that we offer to teams coming to serve with us. Check out the opportunities below to see where your team can plug in and serve in the Shelby area.

Construction Ministry:

Families in the Cleveland County area need your help! As the housing stock in our area continues to age, an increasing number of families are finding themselves unable to afford urgent home repairs. The Shelby Mission Camp stands with the Local Church to meet these critical needs. We have a steady supply of construction projects in progress and would love to have you and your church's mission team come serve with us. Some projects are as simple as raking leaves, or helping residents clean their homes. Larger projects may include handicap ramps, roof replacements, bathroom accessibility modifications, flooring repairs, and much more! We ask that teams desiring to serve in the Construction Ministry bring at least 1 skilled construction leader per 10 volunteers. At any given time, the camp is working multiple construction projects. We finish these projects as quickly as we can with the teams that we have, then we move on to serve the next family. The specific projects/ project types available for your team will depend on what projects we have open while you are serving with us. We typically assign specific projects to teams 2-3 weeks before their arrival.

The 410 Farms Project:

The 410 Farms project is a collaboration between The Shelby Mission Camp, Baptists on Mission - Ag Missions Team, The Crossroads Rescue Mission, and several local churches. The Goal of 410 farms is twofold. Our first goal is to produce fresh farm products including fruits, vegetables, preserves and eggs, to help supplement the offerings of existing hunger relief ministries in our area. Our second goal is to combat local food insecurity by providing experience-based training programs that help our community reconnect with the food system. By teaching and demonstrating what we call "Everyday Agriculture", we hope to promote simple, affordable, and sustainable methods that will allow people to grow and eat their own food. Serving with the 410 Farms Project may include activities such as:

- Working at our garden sites to plant, tend, and harvest vegetables.
- Packaging and transporting produce to local ministry partners for distribution.
- Working in a local food pantry to distribute food to the community.
- Working with local churches in their community gardens.
- Small construction projects helping to build needed infrastructure at our farm sites.
- Landscaping and maintenance at our farm sites.
- Preparing a meal for a local community or one of our partner shelters.

Come join us as we share the Gospel and serve our community through agriculture!

Bible Clubs and Vacation Bible Schools:

Through our partnership with the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, we are offering out of town teams the opportunity to partner with Cleveland County churches to host a series of Bible Camps and VBS weeks. VBS week is always a crazy week for churches! Your team can help a local church minister to the children and families in their area by serving with them at their VBS. We also partner with local churches that take these VBS style vents out into local neighborhoods for Neighborhood Bible Camps. Due to the extensive planning and logistics involved in hosting a successful VBS/ Bible Club, these events are only offered in partnership with local churches, and are planned well in advance of the actual event. Out of town teams that have a desire to serve with this ministry should contact the Shelby Mission Camp early in the year so that trips can be scheduled accordingly.

Street Evangelism:

We love Street Evangelism! The Gospel is Good News, and the church has been commissioned to share this good news with the lost world! The camp has several street evangelism strategies that can be used by both our local churches and our mission teams to do just that. Our Shaved Ice trailer is always a hit during the summer. Your team can travel the County and give away free shaved ice to folks (this is always welcomed on a hot day). This ministry provides plenty of one-on-one interactions with folks, and always presents unique opportunities for us to have great conversations and share the Gospel. When it gets too cold to serve shaved ice, we fire up the "Coffee Carts" and keep getting it. If you prefer a more direct approach, Project Quick Listen is an interview style system that we use to simply start conversations on the street, then steer them towards the Gospel.

Other Ministry Opportunities:

We have a passion for mobilizing Churches, and while the four ministry opportunities above offer ample opportunities for your church to serve in Cleveland County, we also know that the body of Christ is gifted to move the kingdom forward in many unique ways.

If your church has a passion for a particular ministry that is not listed above, please contact the camp staff! We would love to work with you to utilize your groups' particular gifts to serve locally. The availability of these "one-off" projects cannot be guaranteed, and they often require more advanced notice and planning, but when done well, they can be very fruitful.

We would love the opportunity to serve alongside you and your church team as we share the good news about Jesus with Cleveland County and its surrounding areas!

To schedule a trip to the Shelby Mission Camp, please contact Robbie or Christie Alexander at (704) 472-0104