

SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEERS FOR LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT

TOWARD A MODEL OF MUTUAL EMPOWERMENT

May 12-14 2011

SIFAT Training Campus near Lineville, Alabama

An interactive mission education workshop for volunteers

Anyone who has served as a mission volunteer in impoverished communities has experienced both the blessings and pitfalls of mission service. Have you ever wondered about the long-term impact of your volunteer efforts?

GOALS: *This workshop is an invitation to mission volunteers to:*

- *Engage in reflection and dialogue about the impacts of volunteer service: who is impacted and how?*
- *“Consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds” (Hebrews 10:24) for lasting change*
- *Explore key components of mutual empowerment:*
 - *community development and appropriate technology for impoverished communities*
 - *spiritual transformation for volunteers--seeing the world with new eyes*

TOPICS:

- Blessings and pitfalls of volunteer service in impoverished communities: “lessons learned”
- Spirituality and mutual empowerment of volunteers and communities where they serve
- “Listening” and “learning” as critical skills for mission volunteers
- Basic community development concepts for volunteers
- Examples of appropriate technologies to empower communities through practical skills
- Next steps: Developing mutual empowerment mission resources for local churches and volunteers

SCHEDULE: Begins with dinner Thursday night (6:00). Ends with lunch Saturday 12:00 pm.

- Note: SIFAT campus is 2 hours from either of the Atlanta or Birmingham airports. Please schedule flights to arrive by 4 pm on Thursday May 12, leave after 3 pm on Saturday May 14. You may arrange to stay overnight (at cost) on Saturday for travel purposes.

COST: \$260

- includes training, materials, dormitory lodging, and meals from Thursday night dinner through Saturday lunch, plus snacks and ice cream social
- Additional: Airport transportation: \$30 one way / \$60 round trip from Birmingham or Atlanta (or rent a car).

SPONSORS:

- United Methodist Global Ministries Mission Volunteers (www.missionvolunteers.org)
- Servants in Faith and Technology (SIFAT) (www.sifat.org)

SERVANTS IN FAITH AND TECHNOLOGY (SIFAT) TRAINERS:

- Kathy Bryson, MHS, MPH, International Training Director
- Ken and Sarah Corson, SIFAT Co-Founders
- Byron Morales, Ph.D., of Ecuador, Director of Latin America & the Caribbean Program Development,
- Ivan Román, of Puerto Rico, Latin America Project Manager
- SIFAT Staff: Global Village and Technology Demonstrations

FACILITATOR:

- Barbara Stone, Consultant, Global Ministries Mission Volunteers—UMCOR

REGISTRATION APPLICATION ONLINE: Limited to 40 participants. Please register by April 30 2011.

Click here: <https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dFVmeGQwQzFNAGprYkFUSUZKak5OMXc6MQ>

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ADDITIONAL NOTE-- SIFAT is also offering this extended training with practical skills in working with communities::

Information and registration: <http://www.sifat.org/fieldstudy.html>

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