



Before the Mission Trip

1. For assistance in planning your mission project/trip go to www.namb.net and click on Mission Opportunities, then click on Adult Volunteer Mobilization Downloadable Resources, then click on the **Volunteer Mobilization Logistics Manual** — A manual to assist leaders in planning mission projects.
2. Enlist Prayer Partners who will pray for your team, for the ministry you will be partnering with and for the people to whom you will minister.



Mississippi River Ministry
- your Number One
source for finding
mission opportunities
along the Mississippi
River — from Iowa to
New Orleans.

MRM exists to help mobilize volunteers to do missions ministries with people living in poverty.

CONTACT INFORMATION

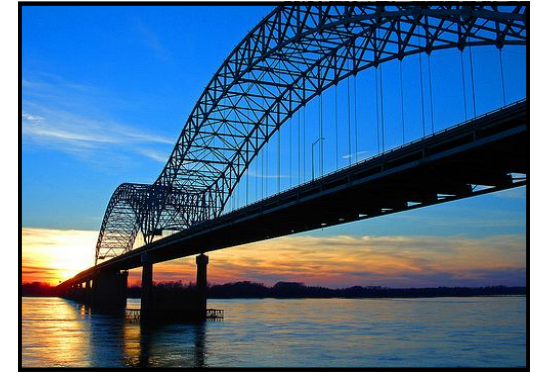
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You can also visit the MRM website for a current list of projects/mission opportunities.

www.riverministry.com

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**How to
Find the
Right Mission
Opportunity
Along the
Mississippi
River**

FINDING THE RIGHT MISSION OPPORTUNITY IN THE MRM REGION

Before You Start Your Search:

Pray! Pray! Pray! 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 six 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.riverministry.com and click on **Volunteer Project Requests Directory**. If you do not have access to the internet call 515-244-1701 for assistance.
2. The webpage will open with a listing of the states covered by Mississippi River Ministry. Click on the state where you feel God is leading you to do missions.
3. The state webpage will open with a list of the types of projects available in that state.
4. 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.
5. After prayer, prioritize the list. If you need assistance call 515-244-1701 or email jonjamison@hotmail.com.

6. Start working through your priority list, calling the contact person and discussing your mission trip with them—dates, housing, expectations, etc.
7. 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.
8. Make the pre-mission vision trip.

The Pre-Mission Trip Visit:

1. Get 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.