

## Training Photos



Byron Center in Brownsville, WI



Greg Forrester and Jeanie Blankenbaker at New Day Centers, Phoenix, AZ  
Feb. 18-20-2005



Canyon Camp, in Hinton, OK  
August 18-20, 2006

Photos from [www.individualvolunteers.info](http://www.individualvolunteers.info)

## Oklahoma Volunteers in Mission Individual Volunteers

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# Individual Volunteers

## Is God calling you?

Did you ever want to spend more time on a mission team than the usual 1-2 weeks, but didn't think you were ready to become a full-time General Board of Global Ministries missionary? We have just the deal for you and those like you! The United Methodist Church and Oklahoma Volunteers In Mission, in partnership with churches and institutions in the USA and other countries, has identified opportunities for individual volunteers, either single or as married couples.

Living in a different culture as Individuals presents challenges that require certain attributes:

Maturity

Interpersonal relationship skills

Cross-Cultural skills

Physical and emotional health

An active prayer life

Interracial experience

A great sense of humor

If you have these attributes, you are ready to be an Individual Volunteer!

## Other Information

The program requires that volunteers:

- Serve for 2 months or longer with host communities
- Complete the application forms and attend a training / orientation weekend prior to service
- Be in prayer about your calling

Volunteers will be greatly rewarded by:

- Finding joy in making new friends and relationships with people of other cultures
- Growing in your faith and learning more about God's wonderful, beautiful world and God's people who inhabit it!

If you are interested in this program :

- Contact Karen Distefano in the Oklahoma Volunteers In Mission office, 405-530-2070 or email [kdistefano@okumc.org](mailto:kdistefano@okumc.org).
- Look over the opportunities listed on the Individual Volunteer Web page [www.individualvolunteers.info](http://www.individualvolunteers.info)
- Prepare to attend one of the training / orientation weekends

## 2008 Scheduled Training / Orientation Weekends

March 14-16 : Dowling, MI

June 13-15 : Eagle Creek, OR

Aug 22-24: Camp Egan, Tahlequah, OK

Oct 10-12 : New York City

March 6-8, 2009: Nickerson, NE

To register email: [indvols@gbgm-umc.org](mailto:indvols@gbgm-umc.org)



Rev. Chebon Kernell, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, shares with the recent training group in Oklahoma about cultural issues and understanding.