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# *SUPPLEMENT TO UIM HANDBOOK FOR SHORT-TERM and VOLUNTEER MISSIONARIES*

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## **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

### **VILLAGE/URBAN AND CAMP MINISTRIES**

1. The Summer Missionary Training is a six-week program which begins the third week in June and runs through the first week of August.
2. All applicants must be at least one year beyond high school. Bible school or college is desirable. High school students are considered for camp support staff.
3. All summer missionaries are required to participate the last week of June in a week-long orientation designed to prepare them for the summer. Emphasis is on the development of the spiritual life and cross-cultural preparation. Orientation is held at Rock Nest Ranch 1125 kilometers north of Vancouver near Houston, B.C., between Prince George and Prince Rupert. All flights should be directed to Smithers, B.C.
4. The government of Canada will not allow any applicant with a criminal record to enter Canada to work as a short-term missionary in a village/urban setting, as a camp counselor, or as camp support staff under UIM International, Canadian Branch. A border letter will be sent to the applicant once he/she is accepted for the program.
5. Following the time of ministry, all short-term missionaries will meet for an evening at Rock Nest Ranch to share with each other the experiences and lessons learned over the summer.
6. Applicants will be responsible to raise needed money for ministry and travel to and from Smithers, B.C. The fee covers training materials, travel during the six weeks, food, and the program. The fee is \$400 - \$700 (Canadian funds) per single applicant, depending on the type of program applied for - Rock Nest Ranch or village/urban. You need your own health insurance.

### **VILLAGE/URBAN MINISTRY TEAMS**

1. Two to six persons make up a village/urban/ministries team depending on the size of the community and the type of accommodations. Each team works together in the community and is balanced as much as possible in areas of leadership, skills, and abilities so that team members complement each other.

2. The participant's primary ministry is to enter a village or urban setting as if he/she were just beginning a new church plant there. The applicant will work with First Nations People of all ages, developing friendships/relationships which allow the sharing of Jesus Christ in a personal way. This may include such things as visitation, recreation, working side by side with people in the community, kids' clubs, campouts, special summer events, slumber parties, teen fun nights, berry picking, ladies' meetings, learning from the people, crafts, and anything else that will involve the participation in the lives of the people.
3. Housing in the village or urban area will likely be in a vacated house, band office, community hall, camper trailer, tent, or with a First Nations family.
4. Vacation Bible School Teams
  - ✚ Church youth groups of up to 12 young people with adequate supervision (minimum of one leader per six young people) may form Vacation Bible School teams for village or urban areas.
  - ✚ Vacation Bible School teams must be self-contained during their time in the village or urban area.

## **ROCK NEST RANCH**

1. Program Director:
 

The program director is responsible for carrying out daily camp programming. He/she must have good organizational and communication skills and prior experience in and a love for working with children.
2. Camp Counselors:
 

If you love the Lord and love kids, you just might be the perfect counselor! We are looking for a group of young adults (at least one year out of high school) who would like to be part of a team in a summer camp setting. Primary responsibilities would be to love campers, build relationships, and help draw campers close to Christ! Each counselor is responsible for 24/7 care of about five campers plus mentoring their Counselor In Training.
3. Camp Support Staff
  - ✚ High school students who are at least 15 years old may apply to be camp support staff.
  - ✚ The support staff form a close-knit team whose main responsibility is to keep the camp clean. They also provide an invaluable service as they build relationships with the campers during Chapels, free time, games, and activities.
  - ✚ Rock Nest Ranch is committed to discipling the support staff and expects them to be committed to put campers' needs above their own and have an attitude of service to campers and staff.
4. Church youth groups of up to 12 young people with adequate supervision may serve on projects or as helper staff. Adequate supervision means a minimum of one leader per six young people, i. e., one female leader for each six girls and one male leader for each six boys.
5. Building Project Teams/Individuals
 

Church groups, small groups of retirees, and vacationers may wish to participate in ministry by building, painting, or doing electrical and/or plumbing work. Interested persons can write to: Rock Nest Ranch, 7907 Barrett Hat Rd, Houston B.C. V0J

1Z1. Fax/Phone 1 (250) 845-2177. E-mail [rnrr@uim.org](mailto:rnrr@uim.org)., web address:  
www.rocknestranch.org

### **PERSONAL ITEM**

Come prepared for wet, cold climate (0-30 C; 30-90 F). A warm sleeping bag, warm ski jacket type coat, light sweater or zippered sweatshirt, footwear for rain and mud are recommended.

Optional: Materials that you may want to use in the village with kids (i.e., Bible comic books, game ideas, etc.)

Laundry may be done once a week, so bring clothing to last. However, keep baggage to what you can carry in one load.

### **BORDER CROSSING**

Near the time of arrival, those from the States will receive a letter from the STM corresponding secretary. This should be shown at the border when entering. Passports are required.

### **HELPFUL READING**

#### **Required:**

- ✚ *The Grieving Indian* by Art H. with George McPeck (This book and a devotional will be sent upon application acceptance).

#### **Suggested:**

- ✚ *Bushman and the Spirits* by Owen Salway
- ✚ *Life-style Evangelism* by Joseph Aldrich
- ✚ *The Bondage Breaker* by Neil Anderson
- ✚ *The Adversary* by Mark Brubeck