

MANACA SCHOOL PROJECT

VOLUNTEER FACTSHEET

BUILDING FUTURES

Building Futures' latest project is a refurbishment of Manaca Community School in Zambia. The school is in poor condition yet provides vital education to 300 local children who are unable to attend the overcrowded government school nearby. We are inviting volunteers from all around the world to get involved in this exciting project and build a better future for these kids.

WHO ARE BUILDING FUTURES?

We're an NGO based in Lusaka, Zambia and we have a passion for improving the lives of underprivileged children. Around Zambia, community schools provide education for those that, for a variety of reasons, don't have access to state education. A large part of our work is refurbishing these schools that are likely to be underfunded and oversubscribed. We also love to interact with the kids, inspire them and have fun!

Our support comes from donations of both money and building materials. We also undertake commercial building projects to raise money.

Our team is made up of Zambians and international volunteers.

Our approach is to be holistic and sustainable. When we work in a community we involve the whole community and try to support them to solve their own problems. We also like to make changes that will have a lasting effect.

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WHAT'S INVOLVED? WHAT CAN I DO?

The Manaca School programme is a mixture of building works and interactive learning and fun with the 300 children at the school. We're looking to build a multi-skilled team consisting of builders, teachers and anyone who has a passion for our work.

We hope volunteers will get involved in all aspects of our work to make their experience as varied as possible. We really see volunteering as a two way process with participants gaining as much from the experience as those they are helping.

All building work will be overseen by experienced professionals so don't worry if you don't have any specific skills. Similarly, work with the children will be guided and supported to make sure you are comfortable at all times. At the same time we encourage volunteers to bring initiative and their own ideas to make the whole process richer for us, yourselves and the kids.

Help us turn this converted chicken house into a top-class building of education!



WHERE IS IT?

Manaca School is about 30 minutes drive outside of Lusaka, Zambia in Kalundu, Lusaka West. The site is best reached by bus or car followed by 30-40 minute walk from the main road. We can meet volunteers on arrival in Lusaka to ensure they reach the school safely.

The school is located in pretty and peaceful farmland, surrounded by maize fields, banana trees and small villages.

WHERE WILL I STAY?

For convenience the Building Futures team will camp close to the school during the working week and return to Lusaka central at weekends. Volunteers will typically camp on site Monday night to Thursday night. Camp will be packed up Friday afternoon then return to Lusaka by bus around 4 or 5pm returning on Monday morning. Volunteers are welcome to stay later (Saturday morning) or return early (Sunday night) at their convenience but will need to make their own arrangements for food.

At present, volunteers will need to provide their own tent, sleeping bag, sleeping mat although these can be purchased fairly cheaply in Lusaka.

Volunteers will need to arrange their own accommodation at weekends. There are a number of hostels in Lusaka and the Building Futures team will be able to assist with this.

WHAT WILL I EAT/DRINK?

All cooking and food preparation will be shared between the Building Futures team and volunteers on a rota system. Ingredients will be supplied by Building Futures on a daily basis. Because of the flexible nature of this arrangement, dietary requirements are easy to accommodate and a mixture of Zambian or international dishes can be cooked depending on tastes.

Building Futures will provide sufficient drinking water.

WHAT WILL IT COST ME?

Building Futures ask volunteers for a contribution of \$5US per day to cover food, water and other costs.

Other costs will be approximately:

\$5/week	Bus to and from site
\$16/day	Weekend hostel (based on 3 nights)

\$78 Total weekly cost (approximate)

Taxi from the airport is approximately \$60 but we may be able to provide transportation.

Volunteers responsible for arranging their own flights, insurance, visas etc.

WHEN AND FOR HOW LONG?

We aim to start the project at the beginning of July but please confirm with us before making arrangements.

Foreign people undertaking voluntary work in Zambia must do so with a business visa which is valid for up to 30 days. For this reason, we encourage placements of up to 30 days but the actual length is up to you.

Longer placements may be possible with application of an employment permit - please contact us for more details.

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The Manaca School Project plan will be available on our website shortly:
<http://building-futures.weebly.com/manaca-school.html>