

LTL Volunteering Programs

Volunteer and Chinese Study

Although China has one of the fastest growing economies in the world, it is still a developing country. As China moves ahead there are many people still left behind who fall through the cracks in the social structure. **Live the Language** is committed to helping local and international organizations improve Chinese communities through education, environmental action, medical care or other necessary services.

There is great demand for people from all walks of life to volunteer in China. This is also an opportunity to make new international friends as you make a real difference helping those in need. Program includes six hours Mandarin instruction per week in a small group class alongside placement in a volunteering organization or NGO, working for example with orphans, migrant workers or the disabled.

Program 1: Help the Mentally Ill

The Idea

To be able to work is not only essential to earn a living in a third world country like China, but also an important part to live a decent life and help with Therapy. For mentally ill patients the options are usually very limited. Starting in 2004 we set up a bakery employing mentally ill patients that produce western bakery products, which are still hard to get in China.

The Institution

The Center is a psychiatric institution for currently 180 patients between the ages of 15 and 80. Most of them suffer from schizophrenia and depression. Other patients were diagnosed with dementia or being retarded in their normal development. The hospital has two departments, one for men and one for women.

Your Work

Salaries for our patients and equipment are paid for by the profits of the project. We need volunteers in all areas, but especially to help with the Sales and Marketing effort in the Beijing community to allow the project to continue and grow.

For Whom

Background in Business Studies or volunteers with experience/interest in Sales and Marketing; Background in Psychiatry; Background in Bakery

Program 2: Teaching at a Migrant Worker's Children School

The Idea

When newspapers write about new skyscrapers and high speed trains in China, money and power are often mentioned, but the people who actually build them are rarely talked about. In Beijing alone there are an estimated four million migrant workers who not only provide the labour that builds this city, but also earn third world salaries in a city with rental prices like New York and are – by law – excluded from all free government health care and education services.

Especially education for migrant worker's children is essential to allow the next generation to not be excluded from this society as their parents were. Independent Schools for Migrant Workers try to provide this, but with poor parents and no money from the government often struggle to provide the teaching quality they want to.

To help these children to get their fair chance, international volunteer teachers support schools as teachers or teaching assistance in all subjects, from English to Maths

The Institution

Independent Schools for Migrant Worker's Children.

Your Work

Be a teacher or teaching assistant. English is in especially high demand, but all subjects, taught in Chinese or English need support.

For Whom

Open to all Volunteers with an interest in teaching.



Program 3: Orphanage for Children with Medical Needs

The Idea

Government Orphanages are not only often a grim place to grow up in, but not equipped or funded to care for children with special medical needs. We as an organization receive orphans from orphanages all over China that they cannot or don't know how to care for.

The Institution

We began modestly in 2000, when we began caring for six orphans who needed minor cleft lip and palate surgical repairs. We cared for them in a couple of apartments, before we built.

In 2003, we began taking on more serious cases. Our first critical case was Jon, a little boy in need of heart surgery. His surgery was a success and we moved forward to reach out to more children in desperate need. Since that time, all of our surgeries happen because of generous donations from supporters and through doctors and hospitals who offer their services either at a reduced rate or free of charge.

Note: The institution is Christian run and managed. While being Christian is not a requirement to volunteer, you should have respect for and be willing to participate in communal Christian activities.

Your Work

Children need teachers and playmates. Volunteers work either as English teachers in the English School or take care of our younger children in the Foster Home, which has a largely Chinese speaking environment.

For Whom

Open to all Volunteers with an interest in teaching and children.

Program 4: Fight against Children Trafficking/

Note: Available to participants with a law background only

The Idea

Our aim is to implement the UNCRC, achieve respect and protection of children's rights throughout the community and undertake legal casework on behalf of children

The Institution

One of China's biggest NGOs with more than 300 people working for children's rights all over China.

Your Work

Do legal research for the NGO on both national and international cases

For Whom

Law Students only

All Programs:

Minimum Age: 18

Starting Dates: once accepted, any Monday

Language Skills: Even beginner level Chinese skills are a big advantage.

Duration: 6 to 52 weeks

Visa: You need a visa for China. For stays longer than 90 days a visa extension in China costs approx. 2.500RMB, to be paid by the applicant

Location: in and around Beijing

Includes:

Survival Kit Standard

Local Support

First 2 days Orientation Program

Accommodation (depending on the program, either in a shared room in a hostel in downtown Beijing or another location closer to your centre)

Prices

Valid 2013 RMB	6 Weeks	8 Weeks	12 Weeks	Extra Week
Price	15,000	19,000	27,500	2,200
Registration Fee	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000