Marianist Volunteers’ Program: Rural Pastoral Formation Center “María Madre del Buen Consejo”

Motivation: We, Marianist Missionary Volunteers, are cooperators of Mary’s Mission in the world, which is no other than her Son’s mission “Do all he tells you to do.” We wish to strengthen our lay, religious and priestly vocation, in the construction of faith sharing communities inspired in the spirituality of the Blessed William Joseph Chaminade.

Goal: To get our churches to be self sufficient in their pastoral needs, such as with Ministers of the Gospel, Rural Catechists, Pastoral Agents, and fostering local religious vocations.

Areas of Service:
Formation of faithful laity so they can be assigned lay ministries.
Evangelization and Catechism to children, youth and adults.
Produce and host of radio programs, manage Social Communication Media as Evangelization tools.
Counseling of Christian groups and communities along the lines of the Marianist Lay Communities (MLC)
Support to communities in self-conducted projects in the areas of health, education, agriculture, cattle and the like, democracy and participation, and all that contributes to human promotion.

Participants: Marianist lay and religious, religious from other orders, priests, lay people active in their local parishes both from Peru and from other countries.

Requirements:
To know that it is Christ who calls us to be Marianist Missionary Volunteers.
To be willing to live out the Gospel radically
To have been an active member of a group, parish community or movement in their place of origin for at least two years to the date of enrollment.
To have some kind of trade special skills or profession that may contribute to the goals of the community life and of the pastoral work of the project.
To be able to live and work in-groups.
In the case of Marianist Sites other than Peru and of other orders, candidates and their superiors need to write how they commit themselves to the participation and involvement of the candidate.

Community Life:
Charisma based on the Covenant with Mary, Strong in Faith, with a Family Spirit and in Permanent Mission.
We share our Personal Life Project in community and we evaluate them on a regular basis.
Volunteers share in community study and self-development moments.

Temporalities:
Our communities are pluralistic in cultural, social, political and occupational aspects.
Each volunteer receives a monthly stipend of $192 American dollars in Peruvian currency for their living expenses, which they share with the community.

Place of Service:
Pastoral Rural Formation Center “Madre del Buen Consejo”, Jirón Bolívar 767, Barrio La Ermita, Distrito y Provincia de Otuzco, Región de La Libertad, Perú.

Time of Service:
Guest Marianist Volunteers: According to an agreement.
Temporary Marianist Volunteers: According to an agreement.
Permanent Marianist Volunteers: 22 months (renewable for another 22 months).

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