



Summer Internship Program

2013

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History

Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center

Monsignor Ralph Beiting, Founder

January 1, 1924—August 9, 2012

Mission Center Established 2006

Since 1946, Fr. Ralph Beiting spread the love of God and the Catholic Church to one of the poorest sections of our country, the Appalachian mountains of Eastern Kentucky. In the early 1950s, Father Beiting began his efforts with a Bible school for children and street preaching.

On August 9, 2012 Father passed away at the age of 88. Because of Father's work and love of God and His people he was extremely popular throughout the country. In the weeks after his death, there were three memorial services and two funeral masses to accommodate hundreds of friends, family and former volunteers to pay their respects to this remarkable man.

Over the last six decades Father built 10 churches and established two parishes, purchased land, drew plans and raised funds for each plan, welcomed over 60,000 mission volunteers, performed approximately 5,000 home repairs, installed 10 trailers housing the poor, opened 5 thrift shops, provided emergency housing, invested in short and long term volunteer housing and many other meaningful activities. In 2005 a wonderful Christian service building was created known as The Point of Hope. The Point of Hope includes a beautiful free standing building surrounded by transitional housing, including a small apartment building and mobile homes, for those with addiction problems. The building is also used for youth programs, Bible studies open to the public, and community groups. Spiritual growth is continually promoted through these programs.

In 2006 our current *Mission Center* was built. The center houses a 50,000 square foot warehouse, 3 loading docks, a tool and maintenance area, and walk in freezer. There are two floors of offices, conference rooms and a chapel. The *Mission Center* also has a popular thrift store called The Mission Attic, an entry point for many families searching for help.

Father's legacy continues his mission work and dedication to serving the "whole person." The *Mission Center* works closely with people who are reaching out for help. The *Mission Center* is dedicated to spiritual guidance, family, and employment to an ecumenical community.

FBAMC Summer 2013 Internship Program Description

Your Invitation!

We welcome you for an on-site visit! The best way to learn if the FBAMC Internship Program is right for you and your organization is to witness the work being done spreading the gospel and interacting with local people. You will see the beauty of the Appalachian Mountains and the alarming poverty that persists today. It can be arranged for you to make home visits with our professional staff, see home repairs, visit a thrift store, tour our offices and warehouse and see the internship and volunteer housing. We welcome all who are involved in the decision making process such as Young Adult and College Campus Ministers, Pastoral Associates, Formation Teams and Directors of Pastoral Interns. ***Please note that it is required that the intern applicant must visit the FBAMC for a day or two as part of the application process.***

Our Organization

The Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center is a 501 (3) C non-for-profit organization. FBAMC is an outreach ministry of the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. The mission is located in Louisa, Kentucky which is in the far Eastern part of the state. Just across the Big Sandy River is West Virginia. The FBAMC provides programs and services to residents of Southeast Ohio, West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky. Throughout the year and especially during the spring and summers, we rely on volunteers to help us work on dozens of projects. During the peak months the FBAMC will coordinate 600 volunteers. The volunteers are primarily high school aged youth groups, adult groups, and college students from throughout the nation.

St. Jude Catholic Church

St. Jude Catholic Church is the parish for Louisa and all of Lawrence County. The parish has 35 families. There is daily mass and Eucharistic Adoration on the first Fridays. The religious are Fr. Jesu Raj HGN, Sister Pat Catladi, CPS and Deacon Jim Dalton. The office of the Diocese of Lexington is approximately 150 miles away. There are two other priests within 30 miles.

Internship/Practicum

The internship wishes to offer a balance of prayer life and work. A partnership will be created between the FBAMC, the seminary, college/university or Newman Center and the student. The parties need to agree on the conditions of the program. The following information outlines the goals and objectives of the program. Input from related parties is welcome.

The number of academic credit, if any, will be determined by the academic institution.

Job Description

Our intern should wish to evangelize in the name of the Catholic Church in an ecumenical fashion. Here in Appalachian you will find Christ in the eyes of the poor. We are seeking Catholic seminarians or practicing Catholic college students. The individual must have good leadership and organizational skills. During the summer months, several different volunteer groups (up to 60 people per week) will be working with the *Mission Center*. The atmosphere is very busy and can be hectic. The intern may be given an unfamiliar task and be expected to get it done using logic and people skills. The intern will be involved in the details of managing volunteer groups.

Learning Objectives /Goals

- Demonstrate competence in all projects and tasks below
- Relate directly to course curriculum at the institution such as third year non-pastoral internship requirements for seminarian or college campus ministry
- Lead by example and integrate the seven key themes of Catholic social teaching in all interaction with volunteer and Appalachian residence
- Evangelize Appalachian residents who are unfamiliar with and sometimes skeptical of Catholics

Start and End Date

- Start date June 2, 2013. End date August 10, 2013

Projects and Tasks Assigned to the Intern

- Supervising volunteers--set expectations, answer questions, give direction, maintaining a safe environment
- Navigate vehicles to remote areas—follow directions and maps to work sites because often there is no GPS or cell coverage
- Assist and conduct volunteer orientations—role modeling, participation, anecdotal stories etc.
- Routine clerical work and computer skills—typical office work
- Home repair/construction work—be able to use tools and take direction
- Bible school support—crafts, music, nature, Bible classes

- Assist in spiritual growth activities—be involved in after supper reflection with volunteers
- Cleaning/maintaining the volunteer housing—volunteers are required to clean their quarters before they leave but additional work may have to be done
- Working side by side with Appalachian residents—evangelizing by showing solidarity with a different culture
- Participation in Spiritual Growth meetings
- Visitation of community members served

Preferred Skills

- Leadership experience—have led groups, held chair positions in clubs
- Organization and logistics—been involved in project management
- Communication experience—give direction, speak to large and small groups of volunteers
- Youth ministry experience—have worked at a parish level
- Grade school aged children experience—have worked at parish level
- Musical talent—be able to use your talent with a group
- Construction /home repair—able to use tools and complete a basic project
- Social media—help contact our donors and grow our mailing list

Program Requirements

- A visit to the FBAMC as part of the application process
- Attend daily Mass at St. Jude Catholic Church in Louisa, Kentucky
- Committed to a life of Catholic spiritual development
- Knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching as it relates to social justice
- Live in community with other interns and/or volunteers
- Works well with others
- Be in good physical and mental health
- Be open and flexible to the needs of the FBAMC
- Up to date Virtus Training or other diocesan approved programs
- Clear a criminal background check
- Valid driver's license and insurable by the Diocese of Lexington

Training Opportunities

- Will be mentored by FBAMC full time employee, Volunteer Coordinator
- Public speaking
- Home repair
- Leading and attending spiritual growth sessions
- Warehouse and thrift store work
- Individual and group leadership
- Volunteer supervision

Assessments and Monitoring

Intern will have access to the Volunteer Coordinator for regular feedback. There will be a mid-term formal evaluation and an end of the internship performance review. A letter of recommendation can be written, if warranted.

Work Day Hours

- Daily mass 7 a.m.
- Work day begins at 8 a.m.
- Work day ends 4:30 p.m.
- Evening and weekend work is probable
- On call for unexpected needs

Compensation

- A \$200 food allowance plus a \$100 Stipend per month (total \$300 per month)
- Mission vehicle provided
- Auto and health insurance provided
- Group housing provided
- Interns will reside together with long term volunteers in a newly renovated building with 5 bedrooms and 4 baths

Documents needed to apply

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Unofficial transcript
- Internship Application available at www.fatherbeiting.org

Applications will not be accepted after March 15, 2013

How to apply:

Mail or Email: Volunteer Coordinator

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