

**A**lternative **W**ork/study **A**nd **R**eality **E**xperience  
*A program sponsored by "Give Ye Them To Eat" at the  
Tree of Life Training Center, Tlancualpican, Mexico*

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in our A.W.A.R.E. program, which is a part of the overall mission and development program "Give Ye Them To Eat" (GYTTE). A.W.A.R.E. is a unique opportunity to work with local villagers while learning about their culture, their needs, their hopes and their faith.

While many people of all ages have participated in our program, it is not for everyone. We ask that you come with open hearts and minds and a flexibility to adapt to each day's uniqueness. Here in Tlancualpican, our motto is "Everything is subject to change."

Our days begin early and are filled with work, study, visiting villagers, sightseeing, shopping, eating and taking advantage of whatever opportunities present themselves. Our accommodations are pleasant as we use nice hotels when traveling to and from the center, and on-site dormitories at the *Tree of Life* Training Center. While somewhat primitive, we have hot showers, toilets, bunk beds, good food and bottled water. We also have a few scorpions, snakes and tarantulas (and necessary medical response). We haven't lost a participant yet!

While we do not try to work anyone beyond their physical limits, most people find themselves doing more physical work than they are used to back home. Tlancualpican is located about 4 hours south of Mexico City in a sub-tropical area. You will probably be visiting at the beginning of the dry season, when it is still hot in Tlancualpican. The altitude is about 3000 feet, which may be higher or lower than what you are used to.

Participants need to be in reasonably good health, respectful of others in the group and willing to participate in all activities. Those who come with this kind of openness are a blessing to us and find themselves returning home with new concepts of the realities that coexist in our world.

Please fill out the volunteer application & covenant form and send it, along with any requested deposit, to your team leader to reserve your place on the team. If this is your first AWARE experience, have your doctor complete the physical examination 30-90 days prior to your team's departure. This should also be returned to your team leader, who will forward/fax them to GYTTE. Returnees do not need to complete the physical exam BUT should notify the team leader of any changes or new health concerns.

Thank you again for your interest and your support of the A.W.A.R.E. program.

Que Dios te bendiga. (May God bless you.)

Terry & Muriel Henderson,  
Missionaries

# Alternative Work/study And Reality Experience

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## Volunteer Application

Please fill in information as it appears on your Passport

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred/Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ M or F e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Current / former Occupation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Your local church \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief statement (use additional sheet if necessary) describing why you would like to be a part of this experience and what you might expect to gain from this program:

Everyone is expected to participate in all learning activities as well as work opportunities. We attempt to match jobs to person's skills and physical abilities. It is important to pace yourself and not overdo it. These are some skills and labors that might be asked of you. Please check those that you would be able to participate in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Digging/shoveling         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hauling rocks      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic electrical wiring | <input type="checkbox"/> Complex electrical wiring | <input type="checkbox"/> Welding            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metal work              | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Engine repair       | <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Repair        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stone laying            | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Carpentry           | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced carpentry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roof work               | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing                | <input type="checkbox"/> Cementing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock care     |

List other skills you have that are not covered in the above list:

Amount/type of physical labor you are able to do:

Heavy  Medium/some Heavy  Medium  Light/some Medium  Light

¿Habla español? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer Covenant

Do you understand that team members will be living and working under conditions that are primitive, and, at times, uncomfortable and unfamiliar, and that this will require great flexibility and understanding on everyone's part?  Yes  No

Do you understand that team members will be housed in a dormitory with six people to a room with a minimum of privacy and personal space?  Yes  No

Do you understand that team members will be working outside with indigenous materials and construction methods that are labor intensive?  Yes  No

Do you understand that Tlancualpican is located in a semi-tropical region with intense heat and rugged terrain?  Yes  No

Do you understand that there are items and medications listed that you are **required** to bring with you in case they are needed?  Yes  No

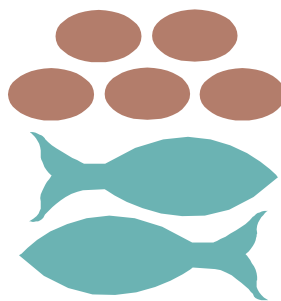
Have you participated in a team orientation session where the work and study components, weather, and dormitory living of the AWARE experience have been explained?  Yes  No

**If your team orientation has not yet taken place, will you participate in it?**  Yes  No

As part of my participation in the A.W.A.R.E. program, I covenant to be in prayer for our team leaders, team members, the GYTTE staff and the Mexican workers. I will represent my church and country by being a considerate traveler and worker. I agree to abide by the decisions and directions of the GYTTE Staff and Team Leaders. I will faithfully participate in all aspects of the A.W.A.R.E. program and will conduct myself in a Christian manner at all times.

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Signature of Team Member



**“Give Ye Them To Eat”**



Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Exam: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Height</b>		<b>Heart</b>	
<b>Weight</b>		<b>Lungs</b>	
<b>Blood Pressure</b>		<b>Ears</b>	
<b>Pulse</b>		<b>Throat</b>	
<b>Temperature</b>		<b>Nose</b>	
<b>Eyes</b>		<b>Abdomen</b>	

Does applicant use tobacco? \_\_\_\_\_

How much?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does applicant drink alcohol? \_\_\_\_\_

How much?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of last tetanus: \_\_\_\_\_ (A current tetanus vaccine is required.)

Please describe any chronic conditions not listed on other side of this form: \_\_\_\_\_

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The applicant wishes to participate in a Work/Study program involving manual labor in a sub-tropical climate at an altitude of 3,000 ft.

To the best of your knowledge, will the participant be able to participate in the program? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

To the best of my knowledge, all information given in this form is true and complete and may be shared with the Team Leader and the directors of the A.W.A.R.E. program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date