



Atlanta

ENVISION HANDBOOK





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Introduction

ABOUT THE SITE

Envision Atlanta is a response to the migration of peoples to Atlanta from all around the world. There are over 700 people groups represented in the Metro Atlanta area. Many are from unreached people groups and still more are from countries where our C&MA missionaries can't go. Our site is located in Clarkston, GA on the East side of Atlanta. Hundreds of refugees from all over the world are placed in Clarkston each year. It is common place to see people walking down the streets in clothing traditional to their native countries and ethnic food is easy to find. English is rarely the first language spoken by most of the residents of Clarkston. There are many religions represented here; you will find a Buddhist Temple, a Hindu Temple and a Mosque all on the same street. This is why we must advance the Kingdom of Heaven in Clarkston. Our mission is to bring back the King through reaching the peoples of the world in Atlanta.

MEET THE TEAM



Site Coordinators Pete and Alice Brokopp have been married and doing ministry together since 2000. Pete grew up in Gabon, the child of missionaries, and feels more like an African than an American. Alice was born in North Africa and spent her younger years in France as her family reached out to Arab Muslims. As adults, Pete became a youth pastor in Lexington, NC while Alice served in Burkina Faso, working with youth and teaching at an International School. The two met in Burkina married and had two children, Charity ('01), and Sam ('04). Their ministry for many years consisted of discipling and training youth leaders, welcoming teams and interns from the States to carry out the National Church's vision, and living out God's love by meeting peoples' needs. Their last assignment was working with Envision in the national office; Pete was the Coordinator of Strategic Development. But their passion is to reach the international unreached community with the love of Jesus Christ, plant churches among them, and disciple them so they will reach others. That's why Pete and Alice are now in Clarkston, where it is believed that there are people from 90 unreached people groups!



General Information

TEAM COSTS

The cost is \$475 per individual of teams for 7 days. The expenses cover meals and lodging. Primary care health insurance is required for every individual that visits the site. Airfare/travel expenses are excluded.

INTERN COSTS

The cost is \$1200 per intern for each month. The expenses cover meals and lodging. Primary care health insurance is required for every individual that visits the site. Airfare/travel expenses are excluded. For internships under 180 days, the international travel insurance would be a one-time fee of \$53.

HOUSING & FOOD

Our Team house is located in the English Oaks apartment in Clarkston, GA. This is also where our ministry site. This apartment complex is full of refugees from all over the world. We provide bunk beds with a mattress. We ask you to bring your sheets, towels and pillows. We can provide a sheet, towel and pillow to rent for \$15 for the week

Breakfast and lunch will be prepared and provided by the Envision Atlanta staff in the team housing. Each evening, for dinner, we will be sampling the different ethnic foods that we have available in Clarkston. If someone on your team has a diagnosed food allergy please indicate on registration or contact Envision Atlanta well in advance and we will be happy to make accommodations.



AIRPORT & ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Flying: The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is our closest airport. Once you obtain your flight itinerary, please be sure to send it to the Teams Director so that they can arrange a pick-up.

Driving: The Envision Atlanta team center is located in the English Oaks Apartment complex at 4133 Church Street, Clarkston, GA 30021. We are located in building 18. Please contact the trips coordinators so they can greet you when you arrive.

COMMUNICATIONS

We love it when our teams are fully present, whether that's actively serving or during team time. For this reason, we have a limited cell phone use policy during your time at Envision Atlanta. We understand using your phone camera to document your time here, but please refrain from spending time on social media and emails throughout the week.

Packing List

- Comfortable walking/work shoes (closed toed)
- Work gloves
- Work/ministry clothes (no shorts or leggings please)
- Church clothes
- Pajamas
- Rain gear (umbrella, jacket, poncho)
- Toiletries
- Sheets for a twin mattress or a sleeping bag
- Medications or prescriptions
- Team first aid kit
- Shower towel
- Pillow
- Camera
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Spending money (\$20-50)
- Reusable water bottle
- Bible, journal, pen

SUGGESTED DRESS CODE

Because we are working with people from many different cultures, we ask for modesty. We ask that everyone wear pants when we are working or ministering. You may bring shorts to wear in the living space. We also request for no sleeveless shirts and skirts to be mid-calf or longer.





Ministry

Envision Atlanta was birthed in 2017 in Clarkston, GA, on Atlanta's east side. In the 1990s, Clarkston was chosen as a refugee resettlement site and, today, thousands of refugees speaking scores of languages are housed in thirty-some apartment complexes here. Envision Atlanta, in collaboration with other organizations working among refugees, has taken on responsibility for thirteen of these complexes. Our vision is to establish an incarnational presence in each and capitalize on the involvement of a host of volunteers to help with various ministries, including:

- ESL Classes
- Kids' Story/Activity Times
- Nomadic Thrift Truck days
- Family Together Events
- Prayer Walks
- Door-to-door visitation
- Street evangelism and home church meetings

Beyond Clarkston, Envision Atlanta plans involvement in other Dekalb County communities and beyond as well. We are looking at:

- Small business start-up opportunities
- Eviction property salvage contract with the county
- Camel-raising and camel's milk delivery in the Somali community
- Ministry among urban poor

Join us!

Schedule

TEAMS

(Subject to change depending on ministry assignment)

7:00 AM	Wake up, devotional time
8:00 AM	Breakfast, group prayer and prep time
9:00 AM	Worksite
Noon	Lunch, clean up
2:00 PM	Ministry time
5:00 PM	Clean up
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Evening meeting and debrief, down time
10:00 PM	Quiet Hours (to honor and respect our close neighbors)
11:00 PM	Lights out

Wednesdays will be our day of Sabbath. This will be an opportunity for your team to visit one of our many wonderful sites found around Atlanta and the surrounding areas.

INTERNS

Summer staff will follow a similar schedule depending on the team and projects that are scheduled for the week. Summer staff are a part of helping the Envision Team facilitate teams throughout the summer.

6-month and year-long Interns will be planned with the Site Coordinators and Directors depending on roles, responsibilities and ministry activities. Intentional discipleship, development, cultural training and ministry experience will be included in the schedule.



Cultural Sensitivity

Clarkston is the home to over 700 different people groups from 145 different nations. This town welcomes 1,500 refugees per year. Walking down the street you could meet people from Burma, Nepal, Colombia, Iraq, Ethiopia, Somalia etc.

Since there are so many nationalities and people groups that we minister to, cultural sensitivity is key. You may physically still be in the United States, but it is like entering another country. We ask you to be mindful of this when interacting with them. The people that we minister to may not be able to speak very much, if any, English, but they are worthy of love and respect. We ask you to come as learners. We must remember that its our mission to bring the people of Clarkston/Atlanta into meaningful interaction with the person of Jesus Christ, this Kingdom work is done only through the power and presence of His Holy Spirit.

Before taking pictures of any local, please be very respectful and always ask for permission.

The Envision Atlanta site reserves the right to send a team member home if they are not upholding the standard of the Envision Atlanta site.



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