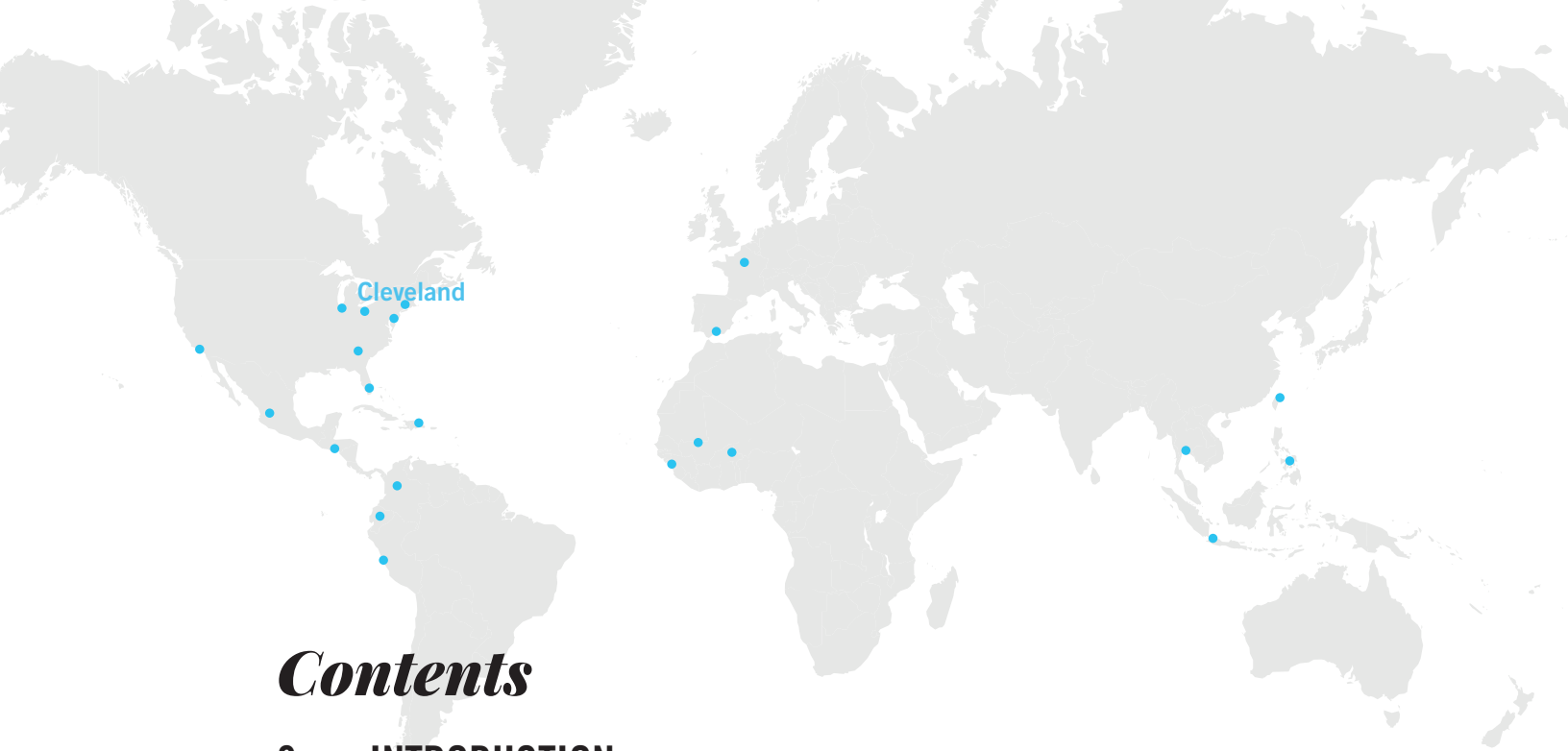




Cleveland

ENVISION HANDBOOK





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Introduction

ABOUT THE SITE

Cleveland was once one of the great industrial steel towns of the mid-west, but during the last 5 decades Cleveland has experienced devastating change. The population has decreased by over 50%, the educational system has fallen in to disrepair, and the prevailing attitude has been bleak. But it is a new day, and Cleveland has been experiencing somewhat of a renaissance in its culture, direction, and potential. There is a growing conviction that the Lord is moving in powerful ways in the region. Doors of kingdom opportunity are opening in the midst of a tough urban environment, a rapidly developing refugee population, and through the collaborative efforts of kingdom minded churches and organizations. Envision Cleveland seeks to collaborate with individuals, communities, ministries and government to transform neighborhoods across Cleveland.

MEET THE TEAM



Site Coordinators Paul and Lorie have been married since 2003 and have two children, Rylie and Hudson. They met at Toccoa Falls College where they both studied Cross-Cultural Studies with the intent of working overseas with the C&MA. They became missionary candidates and began their home service in 2005. Soon after, their daughter was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy. They continued to serve in C&MA churches in full-time ministry. Paul served as a youth pastor and they served on missions committees at their church. After accepting they would not be going overseas themselves, God continued to keep missions on their hearts and lead them in a direction of mobilization. As they were presented with the opportunity of Envision Site Coordinators in Cleveland, it became clear that this was the direction God was leading them. It is not exactly what they “envisioned” all those years ago, but it is what God had in mind all along.



Site Associates Jim & Denise Manchester oversee refugee ministry with Envision Cleveland. They have been married for 22 years and have two adult children. They met in Germany while serving there in the United States Air Force. Over the years, Jim and Denise have served in a variety of community roles, including 4-H, after-school programs, youth groups, and at a multi-purpose community center in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. In their off-time, Jim and Denise love to enjoy the outdoors, and traveling to experience and learn about different cultures.



Site Associates Chris & Juliette Massey oversee ministry engagement across the site including teams and interns. They have been married since 2013 and have two kids. They grew up in the same hometown of central Ohio and met while in college. As a family, they enjoy all things outdoors and sitting around a table with good food and people. Chris has previously served as a coach, counselor and pastor.



Site Associates Phil & Laura Stumpf oversee projects and properties with Envision Cleveland. They have been married since 2001. Phil graduated with an Architectural Degree and has worked in construction for the last 30 years. Laura has been in Real Estate for the past five years. They have been blessed to be spiritual parents to many children over the years. They love to travel, cook together, and play games.



General Information

TEAM COSTS

The cost is \$475 per individual of teams for 7 days. The expenses cover meals and lodging. Airfare/ travel expenses are excluded.

INTERN COSTS

The cost is \$800 per intern for each month and will run late August-early May with the option to intern with us in the summer (see below). The expenses cover meals and lodging. Airfare/travel expenses are excluded.

During the summer months (late May-early August) we offer a summer internship which will pay \$1500 to each intern for the summer.

HOUSING & FOOD

Our team house is located on the west side of Cleveland in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. Teams will serve all over the city of Cleveland but return at night to our team house. We can be flexible in hosting teams the best way we can, but ask teams to remain flexible as well; it is not a five star hotel service we provide. We provide bunk beds with mattresses. Please bring all linens/sleeping bags, and a towel. Envision Cleveland has sheets, blanket and towel available for a \$25 per person charge if you would like. Please indicate during registration.

Three meals a day are prepared and served by our Envision Cleveland team. If someone on your team has diagnosed food allergies, please indicate on health form and contact Envision Cleveland well in advance so that we can make accommodations.



AIRPORT & ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Flying: Cleveland Hopkins is the closest airport to our site. It is about 10 minutes from our team house. Our site has one 15-passenger van but welcomes groups that want to drive their own vehicles around for the week.

COMMUNICATIONS

An Envision Cleveland trip can be an experience that is fun, impactful and life changing for both the participant and the city. We feel that teams need to be free from distraction and be ready to be all in while at our site. For that reason, we would ask all teams to respect and honor our Cell Phone guidelines while serving at Envision Cleveland.

- Cell phone usage will be limited while you are serving with Envision Cleveland.
- Leaders will be asked to collect cell phones at beginning of trip to put in a locked box provided by Envision Cleveland.
- Phones will be handed out every evening for teams to check in with family and give updates. Each person will have 20 minutes to give updates.
- We would encourage every team to designate a photographer to capture the trip and what God is doing in and through their team.
- Leaders will be asked to keep phones for us to communicate when necessary, emergency and photographs. We would ask leaders to respect the guidelines listed above for any other time while serving here in Cleveland.
- Interns will be granted a little more access to phones to communicate with staff, team leaders and emergencies, but will still be asked to limit phone use and be fully engaged.

Packing List

- Work clothes that can get dirty
- Athletic clothes
- Closed toed shoes
- Clothes to wear to church (1 set)
- Comfortable/modest clothes for evenings
- Modest bathing suit (just in case)
- Pillow
- Bedding for twin mattress or sleeping bag
- Toiletries
- Bible, notebook, pen
- Backpack or drawstring bag
- Money for souvenirs
- Waterbottle
- Electronic needs (charger, camera...)
- Project-specific tools/resources (ask Envision Cleveland)

SUGGESTED DRESS CODE

While you are serving with Envision Cleveland it is important to remember three things when you are packing clothes: Cultural Sensitivity, Modesty, and Safety. For these reasons, we ask you to be prepared by packing clothes that are not overly revealing and tight. Girls please pack a long skirt or pants and a shirt that covers shoulders. Guys please pack long pants and a collared shirt. Tank tops and shorts are acceptable if they are not spaghetti straps and shorts are no higher than 4 inches above the knee. Please no two-piece bathing suits or bikini style. You will be assisting us with several projects so bring clothes you can get dirty and closed toed shoes. Last, please be prepared for activities like camp and sports clinics with the proper athletic wear.





Ministry

When you come to Cleveland, you will quickly notice the many struggles that our city deals with. Some of the external issues that you will notice is poverty, marginalized, blight, refugee, human trafficking, drugs and crime. Under those issues we have identified four underlying issues:

- Lack of Hope
- Lack of Identity
- Lack of Family
- Lack of Resources

At Envision Cleveland we seek to collaborate with individuals, communities, and ministries to transform neighborhoods across Cleveland. One of our main resources is people. When you come to Cleveland, you will be joining us as we collaborate and resource those seeking to transform neighborhoods. You will have opportunity to engage in local church outreach, home and property rehabilitation, engaging with overlooked people, refugee engagement, urban gardening, living life with people and much much more. It is our prayer that through our efforts and collaboration that we will see transformed neighborhoods with wholistically restored people living with purpose.

Schedule

TEAMS

Envision Cleveland will contact you in advance for details on a project and ministry. Envision Cleveland actively collaborates with individuals, communities, ministries and local government to reach marginalized and poor populations in Cleveland. By working together, we can see real impact in the community. The mission focus of Envision Cleveland is restoration, reconciliation and resourcing in the hopes of transforming neighborhoods. Our ministry centers around restoring hope and opportunities, not only to area residents but properties as well.

Some of the ways Envision Cleveland serves the community involves renovating properties, serving the marginalized and poor, providing sports and after-school programs for neighborhood children, serving with local ministries through camps and VBS's, and providing assimilation, ESL and job training for refugees. There is no shortage of organizations and ministries doing great things in Cleveland, but they often lack the people, finances and resources needed to make a true difference. There are resources available, and we want to find ways to redistribute those resources where they are needed most and can have the greatest impact. When you serve as an intern or short-term team you are helping to provide these resources.

6:30 AM	Wake up, breakfast, get ready
7:30 AM	Prayer, devotional/training time
8:30 AM	Load up for the day
9 AM	Worksite/Ministry Site
Noon	Lunch
1 PM	Worksite/Ministry Site
5 PM	Team Center to clean up
6 PM	Dinner
7 PM	Debrief/group time
8 PM	Downtime
10 PM	Quiet hours begin
11 PM	Lights out

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 ministry and groups throughout the summer.

longer-term internships will be planned with the Site Coordinator and directors depending on roles, responsibilities and ministry activities. Intentional discipleship, development, and urban ministry experience will be included in the schedule.



Cultural Sensitivity

Cleveland is an urban environment. As such, it comes with unique characteristics that can be both positive and negative. An urban context is a fast paced environment with lots of people, activities, events and food that can be different and exciting. One of Cleveland's unique characteristics is that it's one of the top five depositories of refugees in the U.S. - over a hundred different languages are spoken here. The world is coming to Cleveland! We have observed four main internal struggles in the city including a lack of hope, family (belonging), identity, and resources. From these internal issues, it seems there are a number of external symptoms that are produced. These include poverty, crime, gangs, drugs, trafficking, mental illness, segregation, and broken homes to name a few. In response to these, we believe God has called Envision Cleveland to a mission of Restoration, Reconciliation, and Resourcing. We seek to bring the hope of Jesus to all cultures represented in our great city. We want to stress to team leaders and teams the importance of understanding and respecting the truly diverse culture of Cleveland. Envision will take every measure to ensure the safety of your team but we will need your help by following our instructions and guidelines. This is not just for your safety, but also to aid in the longevity and impact of our local churches and ministries. Upon arrival your team will be given safety and cultural guidelines that you will be expected to hold to firmly.

Even though you are still in the States, this will be a cross cultural experience. The people of Cleveland may look, speak and behave differently but always be remember that they are every bit as capable and valued as your team members. We want always to treat them with the respect that they deserve as people loved and bled for by the Most High God. We must remember that it's our mission to bring the people of Cleveland into meaningful interaction with the person of Jesus Christ. This is work is done only through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. It's our goal to make your time with us as impactful as possible, for the city, local ministries and your team alike. We will attempt to work through any problems that arise on your trip but reserve the right to send home any team member who is not committed to upholding the standards of Envision Cleveland.

We are very excited that you're coming to join the work that Jesus is doing through His Church in His city. We at Envision Cleveland are here to help you in any way possible. During your time with us, it's our prayer that you will hear the voice of God and respond in obedience. We commit to the best of our abilities to lead by example a life grounded in His Word and dependent on His HolySpirit. We hope that you will join us in this style of living.



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