

COCM's volunteer scheme mainly uses our mission organization as a platform to recruit committed young Christians to take an active part in the ministry of our mission. Volunteers have the opportunity to gain an understanding of the frontline of the mission field, experience life as a missionary, receive practical training and learn to be like Jesus in His humble service.

### Why do we need to develop the volunteer scheme?

In the Bible, Jesus says: "Go and make disciples of all nations." Mission is close to God's heart. He delights in us going to every tribe and nation to bring home the lost. To fulfil the Great Commission we need more believers with a global perspective on mission, who understand its true meaning and who are willing to give their lives to it. With this in mind, we set up the volunteer scheme so that through practical exposure to mission more young believers can have the opportunity to learn about global mission, to get to know the mission field and to have a correct understanding of the daily life and work of a missionary. This will empower volunteers to be the major force to promote mission in their future areas of work and service in the church as well as supporting and participating in mission themselves. The scheme also aims to encourage believers to recognize their gifts through service and to re-consider the plan for their lives so that they will boldly embark on the road to full time ministry when the time is ripe.

# Opportunities for practical experience

#### Small group leaders in camps

Volunteers are to lead small groups in the Year-End and Easter camps hosted by COCM. They share, counsel and pray with members of the group so to lead them to a better understanding of God. Before the camps COCM will give training in leading small groups to equip these volunteers. After the camps there will be evaluation and feedback.

### ■ COCM Gospel Team

From August to November volunteers take part in evangelism on designated campuses in the UK and Europe as part of the Gospel Team. This involves distributing tracts, leading worship, drama, befriending students and counselling.

### Supporting ministry in COCM Centre

Volunteers live in the COCM centre. In the morning they work as a team to maintain the facilities, at lunchtime they take turns to prepare lunch along with other COCM staff, in the afternoon they help the COCM Bookroom and the headquarters office to prepare for upcoming camps. In terms of spiritual input, there are devotions every morning led by our

staff, prayer meetings on Wednesdays, evening fellowship and worshipping at a local English church on Sundays or accompanying our staff to minister in a Chinese church. Our staff members have a lot of in-depth sharing with the volunteers, answering questions that they have about their faith and helping them to understand God's will more clearly.

# Requirements for volunteers

- Born again Christian
- Speak fluent Chinese and basic English
- Willing to learn about mission
- Teachable
- Willing to work as a team
- Have a humble attitude to service, willing to do menial tasks
- Flexible with schedule

### Duration of service

Small group leaders: 2 camps per year, maximum 2 weeks; Full-time volunteers in COCM centre: From 3 months to 2 years

### Food and accommodation

For full-time volunteers COCM will provide basic food and accommodation for duration of service.

#### Service certificate

Upon completion of the scheme, volunteers will be awarded a COCM volunteer certificate, which lists the areas of service and the experience gained.

### How to apply?

Young people who have previously participated in our volunteer scheme have either learned about our needs while attending a camp at the mission centre or were made aware of it from our staff based in their area. Therefore we encourage you or young people in your church to take part in this scheme. You can go to our website at www.cocm.org.uk to download the application form and return it by post or e-mail. We will then arrange an interview and discuss the nature and duration of your volunteer service. For overseas applicants we can help with volunteer visa application. Please pray for our volunteer scheme that God would lead more young people into our midst, that they would have an increasing burden for mission through practical exposure and they would be challenged to seek God's will and be prepared to offer up their lives for God to use them in global mission.

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