



Connecting people through cross-cultural service and engagement.

“ I believe that Expeditions is life-changing not only for the people we serve but for us as individuals. This is where my heart is.”

— Sara Dawson



“This school has had over 200,000 kids walk through its doors, and it showed. We got to work and cleaned every single locker in the whole school, as well as every desk and seat with sanitizer. While doing so we sang, danced and rocked out to songs with each other, rags and sanitizer bottles in hand. The love was so strong; you could feel it. It was beautiful to see how our love for the Lord could pour out into complete strangers As we were leaving, the head janitor told the Memphis Young Life area director that in all his years working at Central High School, no one had ever offered to help them clean.”

— Ellie Lough



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Go. See. Engage.



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Be Transformed

Expeditions creates engagement experiences for Young Life, kids, leaders, adults and families to engage with our staff around the world and in cross-cultural settings in the United States. As kids and adults put their faith into action, particularly with the “least of these,” hearts and minds are transformed.

Expeditions has proven to be an invaluable tool for discipleship and development for the leaders of Young Life and like-minded organizations. Engaging kids as well as adults in other cultures around the world and in the U.S. is vital not just to their own lives but to growing God’s kingdom.



Expeditions works closely with Young Life staff, and leaders of other organizations, connecting them with service and engagement opportunities within Young Life. Our staff takes care of travel logistics, communication, itinerary planning and accounting. We coach folks in cultural intelligence, travel safety and fundraising. Expeditions staff are experts in cross-cultural engagement.

“Expeditions was a beautiful experience that boosted the encouragement of a small band of people who care about their Appalachian community in rural West Virginia. The presence of 21 energetic Jesus-loving workers was a blessing that the community literally could not believe until they saw what the team accomplished. It was awesome!”

— Scott Berg, Regional Director



“The trip to the special needs orphanage was one of the most powerful parts of the week for our team. Everyone said how neat it was to see these kids simply reaching out to be loved and held. They said it was a lot like how we should be with Jesus — simply longing to be loved and held by Him. That was all they wanted. They didn’t care that we couldn’t speak their language or that they had a disability; they just wanted love. That was an incredible moment for our team.”

— Kevin Matznick, DR Trip Leader 2015



Join the Adventure

We have something for everyone! Expeditions primarily serves groups from Young Life areas, churches, schools, businesses and families, offering opportunities of service throughout the year. If you’re an individual, we also offer Open Team Expeditions, comprised of people from all over the map. These are typically led by our own staff and provide a wonderful way for you to be part of a team as you seek to serve with Young Life.

And we’re now offering **Encounters!** Expeditions and Alumni & Friends have teamed up to create **Encounters** — a few spectacular trips planned each year, giving folks who’ve had a touch with Young Life past or present the opportunity to go, see and engage with Young Life in a bucket-list destination. We’ve offered Encounters to the Holy Land, Mt. Kilimanjaro, Macchu Piccu, the Galapagos and Nepal to name a few The world is your oyster!

God is already using our brothers and sisters in nations long before we get there and long after we leave. Yet, in the wonderful economy of God, we have an opportunity to play a role. We can carry our time, talents and treasure to sustain what is already in place as well as offer resources and encouragement to enable new construction and new ministry to take root.

Will you join us?