

McCurdy School benefits greatly from the services of Volunteers. Many Christian people give of their time and skills to strengthen our program and improve our facilities. The satisfaction of serving as a Volunteer In Mission (VIM) is evidenced by the VIMs who return year after year. Worship, laughter, work and spiritual growth are all part of serving within the McCurdy School family.

McCurdy School is in a high (5,600 ft) mountain valley between the Jemez (pronounced Haymez) Mountains to the west and the Sangre de Cristos (meaning blood of Christ) to the east with the Rio Grande flowing through the valley. Not only is north-central New Mexico rich in geography, but it is also diverse culturally. The first people in the area were Native Americans; Tewa-speaking Pueblo people still comprise about 5% of the population. In 1598, under Don Juan de Oñate, the first Europeans settled here. About 80-85% of our people are Hispanic. The remaining population is Anglo. Ethnically McCurdy's student population parallels that of the community.

Long term volunteers commit themselves for at least one semester, and often for a full school year. Because they have time to get to know the students and earn their trust, these VIMs typically work as tutors or library and classroom aides. Many long-term volunteers also work in the maintenance department and school offices.

Short term volunteers commit to working from two weeks to a few months. The availability of housing and the needs of McCurdy School are considered when accepting VIMs for service. All VIMs work closely with the staff of McCurdy School.

All volunteers may, at times, be asked to participate in and/or lead prayers and devotions. Volunteers do need to be flexible, as sometimes assignments may not be exactly what VIMs have expected. Allow God to surprise you with some new experiences! VIMs live in the dormitory and may eat breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria when school is in session. To be considered a "full time" volunteer you are asked to work 35 hours per week.

Possible volunteer tasks include: secretarial, teacher's assistant, teacher's aide, tutorial, working in the maintenance department, or in the Office of Church Relations & Development, as a Before and After School Care Program worker, in the music department, as a library assistant, or as a substitute teacher. If you have special skills, please make us aware of them.

For more information on the VIM program, please contact the Volunteer In Mission coordinator at (505)753-7221 or call for an application and full information packet. We need volunteers at McCurdy, and we appreciate your interest.