

## Team Leader Information and Trip Details

### About the Trip Leader

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### About the Trip

Location: Thailand  
Dates: December 4 - 11, 2021  
Cost: \$1,120.00  
Expected group size: 12-14  
Trip Number: 47026

### **1. Why are you leading this trip with the Fuller Center?**

I have been leading volunteer projects around the world for several years. I am very particular about the organizations with whom I volunteer, and I am confident in and comfortable with The Fuller Center's mission. After the pandemic, I am looking forward to getting back in the field.

### **2. What schedule do you have planned for the week? Any specific R&R plans?**

Given the uncertainty during this pandemic, it's very hard to plan specific R & R plans for the week. No one knows how things will change by then. It's true that our mission and goal is to "build houses," but I am a firm believer that immersing ourselves in the culture is very important to the overall experience of what you will take away from your trip, so we will plan at least two activities during the week, in addition to our time in the town in which we will be working.

### **3. What do you envision for devotions or reflections during your trip?**

We will have reflection meetings each evening on a range of topics, including learning about poverty housing and efforts to combat it. It's been my experience as a team leader that to have a successful week, the overall experience will be divided into three parts: working (60%), reflection meetings (25%), and cultural immersion/R & R (15%). Of course, this doesn't include your personal reflections and take-aways, in addition to the new friends you will make during the week.

### **4. What else do you want your participants to know about this trip?**

As your team leader, I take great pride in leaving you with the experience of a lifetime. You will do more during this trip than "going to build a house." I have lots of experience leading teams, and my goal is to get you outside of your comfort zone and challenge you to explore how you think about others *and* yourself. I want you to come away having not only done something to help others, but to also learn about poverty housing.

As the team leader, I will make sure you get the most out of your experience — before, during, and *after* the trip. You can expect to be challenged mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. You will get outside your comfort zone and learn about people and cultures in ways that you never imagined. You will challenge yourself physically to do things you thought you could never do. You might return home exhausted, or maybe with a few new bruises, and you might have spent your time taking cold showers and eating strange foods. But in the end, you will have learned about poverty housing and humanitarian issues, and how they are solved, and come away having done something for someone who can never repay you, all while returning home with a new perspective — not just about others, but yourself as well.

