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Social Work Internship

About GMAD

[Ghana Make A Difference \(GMAD\)](#) is a small nonprofit that has been established for just over five years. GMAD shelters 35 - 60 of the world's most vulnerable kids, all of whom have either been rescued from forced labor trafficking, have been abandoned or have other special needs. GMAD helps these kids by providing them with a place they can call home: a home that includes food, shelter, education and physical, mental and emotional nurturing while trying to reintegrate them with their biological family or find them a new adoptive family. We are reaching out to find social work interns because we aim to make a lasting impact in every one of these kids lives, and with your help we can do that.



About the Social Work Internship

Our Social Work internship is designed to encourage you and the local staff to share your knowledge regarding the best practices and models needed to improve social work at the GMAD home. Your daily tasks will vary during your time in Ghana. Some days may see you in contact with children sold as cheap labor or who are parentless. Other days may see you checking on children who have been placed back with biological family members or assisting in the reintegration of children back with family members. There are many opportunities at the GMAD home and the local village to play and work with the children and utilize and develop all of the social work knowledge you have.

Your main tasks will be to observe and support Solomon and Peter, our social workers, who are from Ghana. Solomon obtained his Masters Degree in Finland and has about three decades of experience as a social worker in Ghana. Individual projects you may want to do are also encouraged, there will be many opportunities to spend time with the children at the home.

Any ideas you may have for program enhancement, modification and expansion will be warmly welcomed and you will have the opportunity to implement these ideas and turn them into a reality. A few key areas of emphasis include:

- Working with Ghanaian and refugee GMAD staff.
- Problem solving and developing long term solutions to the social work going on at the house.
- Assessing the conditions and needs of the children and people you work with.
- Sharing of counseling and therapy methods with local staff to improve current practices

- Providing GMAD children with the care and attention they need

Social work is less common in Ghana. Your knowledge, dedication, and skills will allow you to work with people that desperately need help, while also raising awareness in local communities. Throughout your internship, your work will be supervised by a qualified local professional.



Costs

- Volunteer fees: \$510/month. This includes housing, food and in country transportation to and from the airport.
- Passport
- Ghana Tourist Visa: \$60 (plus shipping)
- Malaria medicine: depends on the type you choose and current market rates, but costs vary around \$100
- Immunizations: depends on what you need, but yellow fever varies around \$120
- Mandatory travel insurance: if you are a student you can get travel insurance through ISIC for \$25
- Airfare from Salt Lake City is typically \$1400 ± \$200

Volunteer Handbook

Our volunteer handbook is a great resource and is updated regularly. If you are contemplating service in Ghana or are preparing to serve at the GMAD home. (See it on our website under the volunteer tab)

https://www.ghanamakeadifference.org/uploads/2/9/4/1/29418375/gmad_ghana_volunteer_handbook.pdf

GMAD values our volunteers and together we work around the clock for the welfare of some of the most vulnerable children in the world. We'll give you the autonomy and support you need to pursue your ideas. We also make certain you are in a safe and uplifting environment to enjoy time abroad and serve.

We hope to see you in Ghana, where you will make a difference! If you have any questions please contact Austin Johnson at austin@ghanamakeadifference.org, or simply apply online at www.ghanamakeadifference.org