



## INDIGENOUS BIBLE COLLEGE

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### Maintenance Volunteer Overview

**Who:** Individuals, churches, and small groups who want to give of their time and talents to help Indigenous Bible College (IBC) maintain and improve its facilities. Volunteer groups can vary in size from a single person to 25 comfortably. (See below for information on groups exceeding 25 people.)

**Why:** IBC functions primarily as a mission, depending mostly on gifts (not on student payments) to fund its operations—our tuition rate is one of the lowest in the country at \$295 per credit so that students can graduate debt-free (all our full-time staff and faculty are missions-supported as well). We therefore do not designate funds to hire professional laborers to remodel and improve our facilities, and depend on volunteers to help us keep making progress. See the chart on the next page for the “big picture” on how this all works out.

**When:** Individuals or small groups can serve year-round. Large group volunteer maintenance work functions best in summer and winter breaks when classes are not in session. The summer break typically runs from early June through the second week in August. Winter break runs from the second through the fourth week of December. Spring break in late March or early April can also work.

**Finances:** Volunteers raise their own money for travel and food costs. IBC not only relies on volunteers for the labor aspect of work projects, but also depends on them to help with the funding of projects. We ask all volunteers to consider financing each project that they hope to do. We can provide cost estimates to help you know what to expect.

**Housing:** During the school year we have some limited guest housing (for 4-6 people) available. If you are travelling to Flagstaff for a summer work project and need housing, our dorm rooms have bunk beds and can sleep a total of 20 people. The three dorms each have a living room with couches and floor space that can sleep guests. In the summer we try to have at least one family unit available for guests as well. Combined with overflow sleeping in classrooms we can house a group of up to 40 people. We also have adequate parking for several RV's.

**Food:** While many volunteers choose to bring their food and groceries with them, the IBC campus is ¼ mile from a Safeway and within a five-minute drive of many other grocery stores and restaurants. IBC has four full kitchens – one in the student building and one in each dorm – for volunteers to use. We have outdoor BBQ and picnic space as well.

**Transportation:** Most volunteers prefer to drive here. Some will fly in and rent vans. IBC has two 12-passenger vans that can be used to help shuttle volunteers around as

well. Every airline flies into Phoenix (2.5 hours away); only American Airlines flies into Flagstaff.

Work Projects: Our project needs vary greatly from low skill tasks such as painting dorm rooms to highly skilled plumbing, wiring, and construction jobs.

Additional Opportunities:

- An IBC staff member will give an orientation and overview presentation shortly after you arrive. If you volunteer with a group, you may want to include student testimonies in your gathering times. We will help to arrange this depending on student availability.
- We are located 30 minutes from the Navajo Nation. If you would like to visit a Native church during your stay, IBC can help to arrange that.
- We are within a short drive of several National Parks and monuments, not the least of which is the Grand Canyon, 75 miles away. Many volunteers like to plan a half or full day for sightseeing. For more information or to make arrangements for a work trip, contact the IBC Business Office at 928-774-3890 or info@indianbible.org .

