

# Trailblazer Foundation

## Trailblazer Cambodia Organization

### Volunteer Guidelines

Trailblazer Foundation [TF] and its field office Trailblazer Cambodia Organization [TCO] welcomes individuals interested in volunteering. However, due to the nature of project needs and the process of coordinating volunteers for such activities, TF and TCO have established the following guidelines. Trailblazer has three major program categories of volunteer placements for our Cambodia work site, bio-sand water filters, well drilling and/or agriculture.

- We require that individuals interested in volunteering for Trailblazer provide a minimum of one [1] week notice in order for our team to coordinate the potential volunteerism to an activity within our project schedule. Our volunteer positions involve mainly physical labor and our work day is typically from 8:00am until 12:00pm. Activities in the field may be all day.
- Because our work site is limited in its size and capabilities we can accommodate no more than four [4] volunteers to work on our site at the same time.
- Individuals visiting Siem Reap for only a few days and are interested in helping Trailblazer, we would welcome you to our work site where we can show you our projects and familiarize you with what we do, and our methods of implementation. Additionally, we would invite you to join our Ambassador Program. TF/TCO Ambassadors will be provided with various marketing materials and asked to take the Trailblazer message home to share with friends and family. Whereby Ambassadors can help spread awareness of the needs of Cambodia and our efforts to help bring water and hope to the Cambodian people. We would also welcome your comments and questions.
- It takes time away from the normal work schedule for our field team to train volunteers on the specifics of our projects. Therefore, we require that potential volunteers without any particular skills, but simply the willingness and interest to contribute back to the community, volunteer for a minimum of two [2] weeks. This allows our team and the volunteer to build good rapport, as well as ensure the consistency and quality of our work. Below is a list of unskilled activities.
  - Sifting sand and/or gravel for filters
  - Washing sand and/or gravel for filters
  - Painting filters
  - Preparing filter mold for use
  - Helping with filter deliveries
  - Mixing cement for well bases
  - Help with well base construction
  - Weeding the garden
  - Harvesting vegetables
  - Assisting with creation of organic compost, fertilizer, pesticide, EM
  - General upkeep of garden
  - Various activities as they arise

- We require that potential volunteers with specific skills volunteer for a minimum of one [1] week. Desired skills, with a background in the following areas, include:
  - Concrete engineering
  - Hydrology
  - Biochemistry
  - Organic fertilizing
  - Composting
  - Animal husbandry
  - Computer graphics/design
  - Marketing
  - Micro-finance
  - GPS Mapping

\*We ask that skilled volunteers provide us with a CV/Resume at least one week prior to arrival in order to best prepare the particular project work schedule to the volunteer.

As a final suggestion, we would like to ask that volunteers contribute to our efforts other than with their time and physical labor. The needs are great in Cambodia and we are only limited by the funding we receive. Any amount is appreciated and can go a long way to help. Here are some ideas:

- Flip flops prevent hook worm from entering children's feet and cost only \$1.00 USD
- Mosquito nets prevent malaria infection and cost only \$5.00 USD
- School uniform costs about \$10.00 USD
- 1 laboratory test for water quality costs only \$15.00 USD
- 1 bio-sand water filter provides up to 15 people with clean drinking water for only \$50.00 USD
- 1 PVC pull pump well provides 3 to 5 families with access to water for only \$120.00 USD
- 1 manual sewing machine provides a rural woman with the ability to earn a living for only \$200.00 USD

Thank you for your interest and we hope you decide to become an Ambassador for Trailblazer!