

# Living On the Other Side...

## An experiential program on global hunger and poverty

Dear Leaders/Participants:

We are excited about your interest in our program on global hunger and poverty, “Living On the Other Side.” Part of World Hunger Relief’s mission is education, and we feel that educating others about hunger is essential to our work. This retreat is designed to be educational, inspiring, and also challenging – it can be a profound experience both for your group and for us. We hope that your group comes ready to hear and experience things that will open your eyes to the reality of our neighbors in developing countries and the many ways that our lives are connected to theirs.

Please let me know the number of participants and their ages as well as the number of leaders to expect as soon as possible.

I have enclosed materials are included to help you anticipate the details of the program and prepare you for your time at World Hunger Relief. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions.

Peace and Grace,

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# World Hunger Relief, Inc.

World Hunger Relief, Inc (WHRI) is a Christian organization committed to the alleviation of hunger around the world. God calls us to:

- **Train** individuals in holistic ministry that equips them to work with communities in developing sustainable farming techniques
- **Educate** those with an economic abundance on methods of conserving and sharing resources
- **Participate** in local and international sustainable development programs

Our philosophy is to live simply, helping those who struggle to meet their basic needs by sharing and investing in others what God has given us.

WHRI was organized and chartered in Texas as a non-profit organization in 1976. The charter provided for a program in agro-forestry and related technologies to address the needs of the hungry, both foreign and domestic. Carl Ryther joined World Hunger Relief in 1979 having returned to Texas with his family after 17 years of agricultural missions in Bangladesh (formerly East Pakistan). During those years Ryther had developed simple food production systems to meet the needs of poor and starving people. The Bangladesh system was expanded to accommodate additional technology and to address different environments and cultures. Ryther completed a training manual in several languages, using his own “Backyard Food Production System” as the fundamental program for survival among the poorest of the poor. Environmental recovery processes and appropriate technologies were incorporated into the training to provide for a reasonably complete development system.

Since that time, more than 300 interns have trained at the WHRI headquarters and have returned to work in over 20 countries. The WHRI headquarters, along with the demonstration and training center for the United States, is located near Waco, Texas. The farm, situated on 42 acres, encompasses a dormitory, a visitor education building, animal and equipment sheds, two acres of intensive vegetable production, a goat dairy, and 20 acres of improved pasture. WHRI also supports a 22-acre training center in northeastern Haiti, which includes a school and a farm. WHRI still hosts interns wishing to learn more about sustainable farming and development. In addition to education in sustainable agriculture, the interns manage a fifty-member food club, in which members receive fresh vegetables weekly. The farm also offers produce, eggs and goat milk, which is available for the community. WHRI provides innovative educational and volunteer opportunities for schools, and for church and community groups.

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## Schedule

Times will be adjusted to the needs of the group

### SATURDAY

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| 8:00 AM  | Arrival & Welcome  |
| 8:30 AM  | 13 cent Breakfast activity (please do not eat before coming to the farm) |
| 9:15 AM  | Farm Tour/Introduction to WHRI mission                                   |
| 11:00 AM | Introduction to a Hungry World Map activity                              |
| 12:00 PM | Hunger Banquet   |
| 1:00 PM  | How the World Works: Work Projects                                       |
| 4:00 PM  | Debrief  |
| 5:00 PM  | Clean Up/Depart  |

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What to do before you come...

- Please allow your group members to only bring one small bag or backpack. We want this to be a fun time for your group, but also one of learning, growth, challenge, and simplicity. Making choices about what you really “need” is a small way to begin that journey.
- As a group, read over the “Hunger Facts” on Bread for the Worlds Website:  
<http://www.bread.org/learn/hunger-basics/hunger-facts-international.html>  
<http://www.bread.org/learn/hunger-basics/hunger-facts-domestic.html>  
and write down any questions, ideas, or comments that you want to explore further during your time at WHRI.
- Watch the movie *Black Gold* together as a group and write down any questions, ideas, or comments that you want to explore further during your time at WHRI. (If you are unable to locate a copy of *Black God* for rental viewing contact us and we will mail you a copy for viewing) other videos on hunger, poverty or injustice could be substituted.

World Hunger Relief will...

- Provide food
- Provide leaders for directing activities, discussions, etc.
- Plan activities
- Plan and lead discussions
- Plan work projects and provide materials needed