



UNITING INTERNATIONAL MISSION

About the Organisation

Uniting International Mission (UIM) is a national agency of the Uniting Church in Australia. In the 19th century, the preceding churches of the Uniting Church (Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational) began undertaking mission work in countries outside Australia. Since those early days, the church has been committed to alleviating poverty and developing the life of local communities in these countries.

Today, UIM is responsible for building the Church's international relationships, primarily in Asia, the Pacific and Africa. UIM works in the fields of international human rights, peace & reconciliation, advocacy, emergency international disaster relief, and aid and development.

UIM's 'People in Mission' project provides an opportunity for people aged 18 years and older to be immersed in the life of a partner church or agency around the world. Participants in People in Mission Programs can spend anywhere from a few weeks to several years in placements located in Asia, the Pacific, India and Africa.

Project Information: Bethany Home, Malaysia

Students at UniSA will have the opportunity to volunteer at the Bethany Home School and Training Centre for children and adults with disabilities in Malaysia. Bethany Home is situated approximately 3 hours from Kuala Lumpur, and is designed to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities and their families.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Malaysia and Singapore built Bethany Home in 1966 as a residential home for children suffering epilepsy. The Home began with just 4 children and 8 staff, and has now grown to 56 staff and 180 children.

Volunteers at Bethany Home can take part in either short or long-term placements, and do not require any specialist training. UniSA students can provide pastoral care and friendship to the clients at Bethany Home.

Students will be required to participate in UIM's pre-departure orientation Program.

Volunteers will support the full-time staff at Bethany. This can include working in a teaching assistant role, teaching works skills, working within the Group Homes, engaging in creative activities such as music and dance, working in the second-hand shop, the toy library and the workshop library.

Cost: There is an administration fee of \$550.

www.bethanyhome.org.my

Length of Service: 6 Months

Contact:

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What is included

- Accommodation
- Meals

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What is not Included

- Airfares
- Vaccinations
- Personal spending money
- Activities taken outside of the Program
- Airport departure taxes

www.sa.uca.org.au/site/page.cfm