



Sometimes, even small acts can have big impact. And when that act is founded on compassion, commitment and leadership, it can help change the lives of whole families, whole communities, and even whole countries – forever! Not to mention your own. Here's an opportunity to make a difference. To touch people. To demonstrate your leadership.

To make a lasting contribution.

T.R.I.P. Canada offers you this opportunity. A volunteer organization, T.R.I.P. Canada is committed to helping victims of the December 26, 2004 tsunami through a home and community rebuilding program.

T.R.I.P. Canada offers the opportunity for LIFE. CHANGING. LEADERSHIP. It is a personal development experience like no other and it will change your life. We ask for a commitment of two weeks of your time and your energy on-site, working alongside families helping them rebuild their homes and lives. The work is hard. The hours are long.

The rewards are unimaginable.

We need people and organizations to join our team and help change the world.

**T.R.I.P. Canada**  
Tsunami Rebuilding Involvement Program

## Canadian Contribution to Tsunami Survivors

### T.R.I.P. Canada

#### Tsunami Rebuilding Involvement Program

TRIP Canada is a volunteer program designed to assist the 500,000 people in Sri Lanka who are homeless due to the devastation of the tsunami.

TRIP provides Canadians with the opportunity to participate in rebuilding lives, families, homes and communities. Over the next two years, our goal is to build at least 100 homes.



TRIP operates in partnership with Developing World Connections (DWC), a Canadian volunteer vacation organization. A volunteer not-for-profit initiative is the most secure method of contributing to rebuilding because: it is grass roots, your donation is personally delivered, and DWC is in place to oversee the project. Of greatest significance – all of your donation reaches the people in need.



Developing World Connections is a Canadian registered non-profit society with the goal of introducing participants to volunteer opportunities and cultural tours in developing countries. The society was founded by a group of Kamloops BC Rotarians and their friends who were introduced to international volunteer work through their involvement with Rotary.

DWC is led by Wayne McRann, a businessman and deep believer in the importance of international philanthropy. Wayne has spent 17 years leading and participating in projects in developing countries. The majority of DWC's other board members have considerable experience conducting hands-on volunteer projects in developing countries and understand the positive impact of serving those less fortunate.



Operating regular trips to Sri Lanka, Guatemala, Thailand and India, DWC manages all aspects of the volunteer experience: travel, transfers, accommodations, meals, side trips and the rebuilding project coordination. A charitable tax receipt is available for a significant portion of arrangements booked through DWC.

For more information, please visit DWC at <http://www.developingworldconnections.org/>

## Two-Week Leadership Development Experience

Everyday, you work alongside Sri Lankan children and adults and your tasks include:

- Digging foundations, building walls, framing and tiling roofs
- Making mountains of plaster, concrete and mortar using hoes and shovels
- Endless chain gangs to move materials
- Plastering, painting, staining, and cleaning to finish homes



### A TYPICAL DAY

- 7:00 am Breakfast
- 8:00 am Start at worksite
- 12:00 pm Lunch and rest
- 1:00 pm Back to work
- 3:00 pm Return to hotel

*The days are long, hard and exhausting for the team of volunteers; but the work is rewarding, fulfilling and life changing.*

### LIFE.CHANGING.LESSONS.

- Experience reward of serving others
  - Immersion in developing country and new culture
  - Exposure to people coping with tragic circumstances
  - Tangible result from your donation
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- Small acts can have big impact
  - Individuals can make a difference
  - You get back more than you give
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- Working and living 24/7 with a diverse team
  - Dealing with unstructured situations, unfamiliar environments and primitive tools
  - Borderless philanthropy teaches new life skills



## The Island of Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is a beautiful lush island off the southeastern tip of India. The island is half the size of England with a population of 18 million. The Sinhalese represent 74% of the population and are largely Buddhist. Tamils, making up 18%, originated from the Indian sub-continent and are mostly Hindus.

In 1983 conflict arose between these two groups, sparked by the Tamil Tigers' concern that the Tamil population would lose their chances for advancement when Sinhala was declared the national language. A civil war was waged until a formal truce was signed in 2002.

Along with other southeastern Asian countries, Sri Lanka was devastated by the tsunami: 37,000 people dead or missing; 15,000 injured; and, 500,000 homeless. With those living on the coast dependant on fishing, tourism and agriculture, close to 400,000 jobs have been lost.

Sri Lankans are warm, friendly, and kind; welcoming volunteers into their homes and lives. For recreation there are spectacular beaches that offer swimming, surfing, boating and diving. Beach bars and restaurants are plentiful serving local delicacies and other specialty food. Popular tourist sites range from ancient temples, churches, mosques and museums to rain forests, gardens, waterfalls, national parks, sanctuaries and nature preserves.

### TRAVEL + ACCOMMODATIONS

Developing World Connections organizes all trip details: airfare, transfers, accommodations, three meals a day and visits to special sites. You will get very specific information in advance on special requirements: visas, vaccinations, clothing and other essentials.



### JOIN OUR TEAM

MAKE A DIFFERENCE • TOUCH PEOPLE • DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP • GIVE A LASTING CONTRIBUTION  
CHANGE YOUR LIFE AND HELP CHANGE THE WORLD

### T.R.I.P. Canada

#### Tsunami Rebuilding Involvement Program

A volunteer project started by Janet McKelvey who spent two weeks in Sri Lanka building houses for survivors. After 30 years of involvement with business and philanthropy, Janet found this a rewarding and life changing experience. For further information, please contact us at [tripcanada@digicclair.com](mailto:tripcanada@digicclair.com).