

Places to go for Prayer, Personal Retreats, or Vacations

Daytime retreat places at or near the International Linguistics Center (ILC)

Have you found a place that that you have enjoyed for prayer and reflection, relaxation, or recreation? Contact Kathy Sanders at centerhospitality_dallas@sil.org with the details so we can add to this list. Thank you.

ILC Prayer Room - Key Building, third floor, west end.

ILC Hiking trails – map is available at the Welcome Desk. Women advised not to hike alone.

Prayer Mountain at Mountain Creek Community Church 5950 Eagle Ford. Rd., Dallas. 972-296-8919. A prayer room is available 24/7, and there are benches to sit outside overlooking Lake Joe Pool.

Cedar Hill State Park

Hwy 1382, a few miles southwest of the ILC. Day use \$5 per person. Annual pass to all TX State Parks available. On weekdays many quiet sites and trails are available. Overnight camping during the week is generally quiet and not crowded. Two boating launching areas. Hosts educational programs.

Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center at Cedar Hill

1206 W FM 1382, Cedar Hill; 469-526-1980; hike miles of trails, see 100+ species of birds and rare dogwood trees and native orchids. Tues-Sun 9 am - 5 pm. **Free**

White Rock Lake

8300 East Lawther Drive, Dallas
A centrally-located 1,015 acre lake with a 9.33 hike and bike trail, Audubon Society-designated bird watching area and wetlands site, numerous scenic picnic areas, and fishing piers for catfish, sunfish, and bass.

Mount Carmel Center Monastery and Retreat House of the Discalced Carmelite Fathers

4600 West Davis Street, Dallas 75211
The Center is open to those individuals or groups (adults only) who would like some quiet time away to grow closer to God. Please contact the office at 214-331-6224 ext. 114 at least two weeks in advance of your desired retreat date.

Places offering overnight accommodations

Some of the places listed offer special rates and/or programs for missionaries and full time Christian workers. Please pay close attention to the wording of each listing; some hosts have dedicated their places for quiet spiritual retreat, rather than for vacations.

Your expressions of gratitude and financial gift to hosts that offer their places on a free or donation basis will help keep their places available for others.

Send additions or corrections to Kathy Sanders at centerhospitality_dallas@sil.org.

TEXAS – within two hours of the Dallas Center

Lions RV and Cabins Park 903-858-1120

4413 F.M. 16 West, Tyler TX 75706
Private lake, Full hook-ups, Cabins, small, quiet, peaceful. Owners: George & Silvia Campbell

The Ten Acres 972-203-1759

Hal and June Hines
335 Town East Blvd, Sunnyvale, TX 75182
Email: JuneWHines@gmail.com
A place of solitude and rest so you can refocus on God. Located 40 minutes east of Duncanville between Mesquite and Lake Ray Hubbard. A small apartment with its own kitchen and bath is available. A simple campsite on the back of the property is also available. No cost.

Cedars on the Brazos 254-898-1000 B&B; Tina - marketing director 972-965-8245

2920 County Road #413
Glen Rose, Texas 76043
Discount of \$25 off regular price for pastors and missionaries from Sunday through Thursdays. The regular price of the rooms ranges from \$125 to \$150 per night. Owner gives an additional discount for multiple night stays. Be sure to mention Tina Logan's name as she markets for commission.

TEXAS – various locations

Texas State Parks and Wildlife Dept. sponsors overnight [Texas Outdoor Family workshops](#) where your family receives hands-on experience learning basic outdoor skills. No camping gear, other than sleeping bags, required.

TEXAS over two hours from Dallas

[Three Mountain Retreat](#) 254-675-3188

1648 FM 182, Clifton, TX 76634

Just over 2 hours from the Dallas Center, this quiet, country retreat has cabins of various sizes. Courtesy donation is appreciated but not necessary.

[Daingerfield State Park](#)

North of Tyler. Hiking, boating, fishing, very nice tent sites, unsupervised swimming area, cabins available.

[Enchanted Rock State Natural Area](#), Llano, TX

Hike in 1.5-2 miles to beautiful rustic campsites, about 4.5 hours from Dallas

[Inks Lake State Park](#)

Hill country setting with rolling hills, rock formations, mesquite brush and lots of wildlife. Many tourist towns nearby, especially those of German heritage. Less than 4 hours from Dallas.

[The Haven River Inn](#)

105 Highway 473, Comfort, TX 78013

830-995-3834 Desk; 888-995-7200 Toll free

Bed and Breakfast that offers two free nights' accommodation to fulltime missionaries, pastors, etc. Additional nights are available at reduced price. 4.5 hours from Dallas.

ARKANSAS

[The Broom Tree Refuge](#) 870-591-6204

4001 Sunny Fox Rd., Mountain View, AR 72560

A secluded place for individuals, families or small groups to retreat, vacation or receive counseling. Has 2 cabins – a 3 bedroom and a 1 bedroom with loft. Requests a courtesy donation to help cover costs.

COLORADO

[Little Mountain Retreat](#) 719-748-9088 or 719-748-6877

Pastor Randy McKinley

40 miles west of Colorado Springs on Hwy. 24.

Email: revram748@gmail.com; no website.

Lake George Bible Church makes available a small cabin on the lake for missionaries and full time Christian workers. It has two bedrooms and kitchen. Donation of \$50 per night is suggested, but no one is turned away for lack of money. Length of stay, one week.

[Shekinah Ranch](#)

PO Box 1300

Fraser, CO 80442-1300;

970-726-4494

Available for singles and married couples missionaries who want a place off the grid to connect with God (not just for recreation). No internet or TV. \$50 per night, preference is one or two week reservations. There is someone available to Shekinah Ranch guests to help process life through listening, conversation, questions and encouragement.

FLORIDA

[Beside Still Waters](#) 877-608-0999

Katherine R. Kittsmiller; Holmes Beach, FL

See [blog](#) for available dates. Townhouses near the beach available for 4-14 days for missionaries with three or more years' service. Not for vacation, but for retreat and restoration.

GEORGIA

[The Snows Mill Guesthouse](#) 706-769-2494

1791 Snows Mill Rd., Bogart, GA 30622

Julie Cohron, Snows Mill Hostess

Three guestrooms, plus a three-bedroom apartment; free to those in ministry. Stay from three nights to four weeks. Located 60 miles east of Atlanta.

[Shepherd's Refuge](#) – Dahlonega, GA. Free bedroom in Lodge or one-bedroom cabin. Refundable deposit required. Check availability, because it books up quickly.

INDIANA

[Shunem House](#) 317-966-7726 or 317-219-3106

313 Hall Court, Noblesville, IN 46060

Owners Jim & Jeanette Vermilya

The purpose of Shunem House is to provide a place for housing, respite, fellowship, training and counseling for traveling missionary families while they are away from home. Donations are accepted.

NORTH CAROLINA

[The Hermitages](#) – part of the Valle Crucis Conference Center, Valle Crucis, NC. These are small cabins meant for personal retreats and quiet times with God. The cabins are small, but VERY nice. Linens, kitchen equipment – all provided. Excellent Wi-fi service, front porches with rocking chairs. Three of the cabins have small washers/dryers.

[Laurel Ridge](#) 336-359-2951

124 Pendry Drive, Laurel Springs, NC 28644
Moravian Retreat Center, has one lower-priced cabin, other accommodations priced higher.

[Well of Mercy](#) 704-539-5449

181 Mercy Lane, Hamptonville, NC 27020-7199
Two 6-bedroom guesthouses and two one-bedroom cottages. Trails, hot tub, massage available. Run by Catholic organization. Spiritual direction services available, too. Meals served. Donations accepted.

OKLAHOMA

[Blue Moon Cabin at Beaver's Bend Getaways](#)

Broken Bow, OK

The Childs Family (missionaries with Pioneers) is offering this beautiful luxury cabin at **half price** with a two-day minimum during the off-season (Jan-May and Sept-Dec with holiday exceptions). The cabin has 3 bedrooms and one loft with futon, 2 ½ bathrooms and will accommodate up to 8 guests. They are allowing long term reservations for midweek (Monday through Thurs night) at any time and weekend reservations, no more than 7 days prior to the intended weekend stay. One must contact the manager at the website to obtain the discount. Do not register online to reserve it. For reservations and information call 580-494-6116.

[Black Mesa State Park](#) west of Boise City, OK

Phone: 580-426-2222

Email: BlackMesa@OklahomaParks.com

RV & Tent camping, trout fishing in season.

About 9 ½ hours from Dallas.

[Chickasaw National Recreation Area](#) near Sulfur, OK

Park Headquarters 580-622-3161

Car camping sites (\$12-25/night). Hiking, biking, swimming, fishing. Less than 3 hours from Dallas

[New Life Ranch](#)

160 New Life Ranch Drive

Colcord, OK 74338

(In the foothills of the Ozark Mountains of Northeast Oklahoma)

918-422-5506

Email: info@newliferanch.com

For those in full-time ministry, offers any available motel unit at no charge for up to 3 nights if you contact them in advance. Guests taking advantage of this option are also welcome to join them free of charge for any meals served during your stay.

[Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge](#)

Near Lawton, OK, about 3.75 hours from Dallas.

American bison, Texas longhorn cattle, and other wildlife graze in the grasslands among some of the highest mountains in Oklahoma. A variety of camping is available in the refuge, and other accommodations can be found in nearby Lawton.

PENNSYLVANIA

[Missionary Retreat Fellowship](#)

63 Missionary Rd.

Jefferson Township, PA 18436

Phone or Fax: 570-689-2984

MRF welcomes those in full-time Christian ministry to a place they can call "home" during whatever transitional time they are going through, be it for one night or even a full year. Come with a suitcase; leave refreshed.

SOUTH CAROLINA

[Harmony House Bed & Breakfast](#) 803-403-1912

3485 Harmony Road, Catawba, SC 29704

Beautiful Victorian-style house owned by former JAARS members. 3 guestrooms and breakfast – half-price to missionaries.

TENNESSEE

[Blue Mountain Mist Country Inn & Cottages](#) – east TN near Pigeon Forge. 1-800-497-2335. Beautiful cottages Discount is 25% with full-time ministry and 2 free nights when someone is home on furlough.

[Eden Ridge](#) 931-783-1626
4866 Hebbertsburg Road, Crab Orchard, TN
EdenRidge provides a place for missionaries and their families to truly rest while on furlough. The cabins, built in 2012 and 2013, each include beds for four, a fully-outfitted kitchen, a spacious living room and a washer and dryer. A bunkhouse with eight beds is also available on the property to accommodate larger parties. Very reasonable rates for fulltime and retired missionaries.

[Fairhaven Ministries](#) 423-772-4269
2198 Roaring Creek Road, Roan Mountain TN 37687
Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of East TN, this 100-acre center has chalets or cottages with fully equipped kitchens and linens provided. Counseling is available for a fee upon request. Winter Special for those in ministry - January through March, they give one night free as long as your stay includes a Monday through Thursday night.

[Whitestone Inn](#) 865-376-0113 or 888-247-2464
1200 Paint Rock Road, Kingston, TN 37763
A place for prayer and reflection. Whitestone Inn is situated on 360 beautiful wooded acres on Watts Bar Lake near Kingston, Tennessee. It has 22 rooms to select from, each one spacious and tastefully decorated, with a charm of its own. Guests are treated to a hearty, country-style breakfast in the restaurant of the Farmhouse. Special rates are available for full time Christian workers.

VIRGINIA

[Old Cox Barn](#) 276-728-3301
2661 Poplar Hill Drive, Dugspur, VA 24325
Beautiful refurbished barn free to missionaries, including all meals for free; 4 guestrooms available. Because the Smiths offer this free of charge, it is not always available. They prefer that you stay at least 3 nights to get a GOOD rest. Contact info: Sam and Geraldine Smith (this is their home as well) [Blog from a guest](#)

WEST VIRGINIA

[Faith Mountain](#) 304-364-4019
HC 73, Box 18C, Rosedale, WV 26636
A place for prayer and reflection. One four-bedroom cabin and three two-bedroom cottages on 250 beautiful wooded acres. Special rates are available for full time Christian workers.

MISCELLANEOUS LOCATIONS

ELIM Retreats (through Barnabas International)

262-751-5319 Henry and Diane Stewart
A six-day gathering of global Christian workers, for the purposes of debriefing, personal spiritual assessment/renewal and pastoral care. Locations in Michigan and Wisconsin. Details and dates of retreats online. \$100 per person; Scholarships available.
Web site: www.Elimretreats.org
Email: contact@elimretreats.org

A Candle in the Window Hospitality Network

Network/database of *Christian households who delight in hospitality*; FREE for missionaries to join.
904-589-0287
Email: info@acandleinthewindow.com
<http://acandleinthewindow.com>

Christian Hospitality Network (CHN):

<http://thechn.org/> 865-376-7546
Christian Hospitality Network hosts the Internet's most comprehensive directory of Christian-owned and operated bed and breakfasts, country inns, wilderness lodges, vacation cottages or cabins, and boutique hotels. These are all distinctive accommodations where those serving the church around the world can find a rejuvenating getaway experience well within their means.

Life Impact Ministries Retreat Centers resource lists:
<http://www.lifeimpactministries.net/>

Hospitality Homes

<http://hospitalityhomes.webs.com> This is a network of privately owned homes by Christian hosts providing rest and renewal for full-time pastors, clergy, missionaries, chaplains, ministry directors, and other full-time Christian workers. The fees are very reasonable.

Missionary Housing and Retreat Centers

For USA, listed by state:
<http://www.missionaryresource.net/housing-usa.html>
This is part of the [Christian Missionary Resource](#) website (under Furlough Needs) that also lists housing in other countries.

OSCAR information page (UK) – lists various retreat websites around the world and in the USA. They will also email you a list of their guesthouses.
<http://www.oscar.org.uk/opportunity/locations/logistics.htm>

ServantCare – network of guest homes in various states and counseling services available at regional centers. These are primarily privately-owned homes, so bedroom and shared kitchen area. Many listings! Suggested donations are on their Home page.

<http://servantcare.com/> Click on Hospitality Homes – Home Locations.

For SIL International and Wycliffe USA staff:

Workday has a list of places for retreats. Log onto Workday, go to Benefits, then Additional Perks and Services – Staff Discount Programs, scroll to page 6 for Housing, Retreat & Counseling List and choose link to Lodging, Retreat and Counseling Centers Google Document.