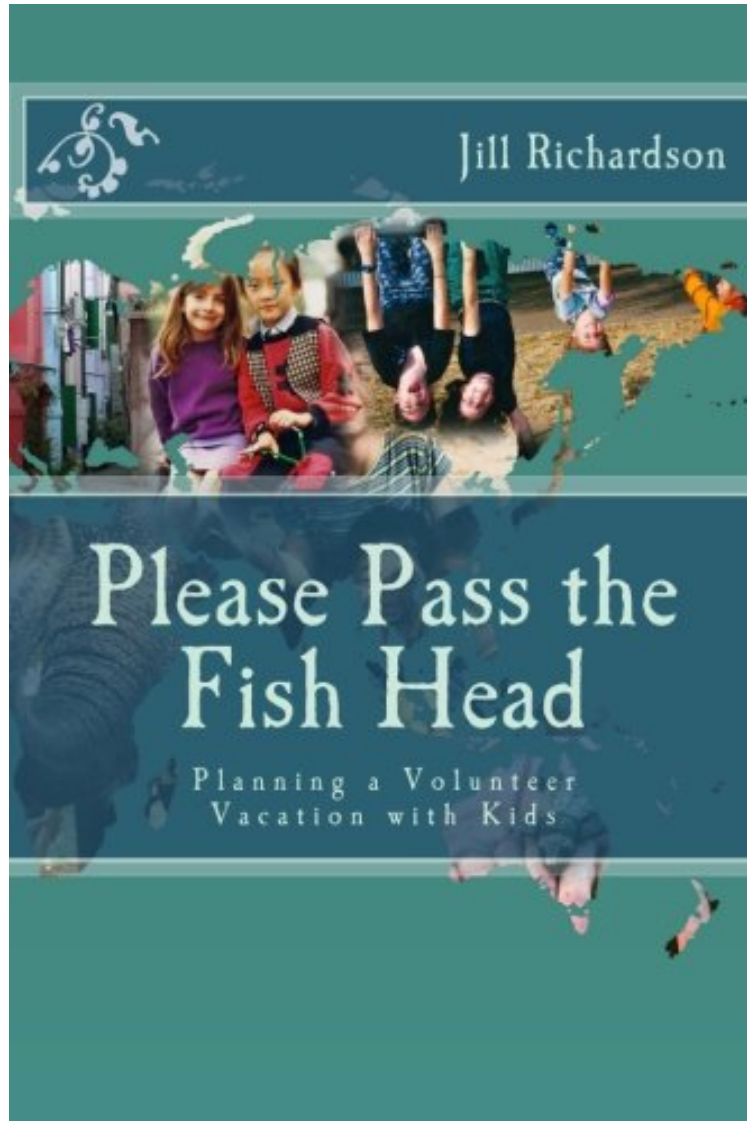


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Volunteer travel is a popular trend--but can you really mix it with kids? As more nonprofit organizations look for travelers interested in volunteering their time while on vacation, more parents are asking--do I have to be an

adventurous young single to do that? Or can I take my kids on a volunteer adventure we'll never forget? And the practical question--what would it take to get us there? It takes less than you think, but more than you can imagine. In this book, you'll discover practical ways to: find the right volunteer vacation for your family, understand travel planning from research to booking, pack the right things--tangible and intangible, evaluate what works for your family needs, prepare for work with nonprofits and charities--both emotionally and physically, determine how to follow up once you get home again, and more. Real life stories from our family travel to China, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and more accompany informative chapters that take you step by step in planning, executing, and continuing the perfect volunteer experience for your whole family. Checklists give you practical ways to watch your volunteer travel preparations become complete. Voluntourism isn't just packing bags--it's a commitment to something larger than your family for the benefit of both sides. It's an adventure. It's a cross-cultural experience. It's an experience that needs preparation and planning to be the best experience it can be. Click on the book cover above to read an excerpt about what that preparation could be for your family to begin your adventure in volunteer travel.

From the Author I wrote this book out of a deep belief that parents are the ones most able and powerful when it comes to creating a vision for their children. I don't want to pass the experience of serving with them and learning beside them what it means to "love others as ourselves" to someone else. I love generations learning together. My kids are pretty much grown now. The time goes, as so many know, so quickly. There aren't that many years to see these ideals take hold in their souls. The time is always now. From the Back Cover The idea of a "volunteer vacation" usually conjures images of adventurous young singles taking off across the globe in search of a world to save. But more and more, those with families are asking: why can't we do something meaningful with our kids? Why do we have to wait? Why can't we let them discover the power of giving now? Why can't we have that experience beside them, in a way none of us will ever forget? And--what would it take to get us there? Well, it takes less than you think, but more than you can imagine. In this book, you'll find practical ways to find a trip, pack, evaluate what's right for your family needs, prepare emotionally and physically, and determine how to follow up once you get home again. Checklists and real life stories accompany informative chapters that take you step by step in planning, executing, and continuing the perfect volunteer experience for your whole family. Please Pass helps families: Have all the tools they need to experience a life-changing trip, Prepare physically, and emotionally for a trip, Empower the talents and gifts of the entire family, Experience another culture up close, Watch their kids serve with joy, Succeed at finding funds, and more. About the Author Jill has a BA in English and Education from Washington University in St. Louis and an MDiv in theology from Bethel University, St. Paul. She is an award-winning writer and speaker. Jill has published four books and numerous articles in and speaks in Chicago and surrounding areas. She serves as an Associate Pastor at Resolution Church in Naperville, Illinois. With three kids, three cats, and only one husband, she keeps busy otherwise with community theater, gardening, reading, and travel.