

Explore Atlanta

The world's cultures can be explored here in Atlanta, a city whose population is both more ethnically diverse and younger than the U.S.' overall population. Buford Hwy in particular, where Encompass' headquarters is situated, is known as the "international corridor" with signs for businesses and restaurants displaying their messages in Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese, Spanish, Arabic, and other various languages. It's like a tour of the world without passports or customs lines!

An intern who participates in Explore Atlanta will gain in-depth training on cultural adaptation and cross-cultural disciple-making through a team approach. Your experience will be well rounded by participating in valuable learning opportunities through creative in-class instruction as well as hands-on practical application. You'll be challenged in your current views of church, community, evangelism and so much more as you listen, discuss, and utilize various resources during morning sessions. In the afternoon and evenings you'll live it out by building relationships and serving in a variety of ways that could include anything from taking self-defense classes with refugees, to teaching and playing with Hispanic children in a nearby apartment complex. We seek to tailor specific ministry involvement to the skills, interests and passions of each intern. Finally, you will receive personalized support and guidance by meeting with a ministry mentor throughout your journey.

Individuals seeking to partner with us through this internship should be committed to being sent by their local church, will have had a positive short-term missions experience, are committed to the Gospel, able to develop new relationships, and are open to exploring God's desire for their involvement in cross-cultural ministry and missions.

When: June 14 - July 17 (projected dates)

How Much: We work hard to provide you with an intensive cross-cultural training and ministry experience. The investment is all inclusive of room and board, travel, training materials, and activities

Next Steps: To learn more about this internship and how you could spend your summer learning and serving cross culturally in Atlanta, contact us at go@encompassworld.org



Words From a Former *Explore Atlanta* Intern

This summer we had the privilege of having Emily Mann as one of our interns serving in Atlanta. Emily is a senior at Ashland University and will graduate in December. She has been a part of the Medina Grace Church in Ohio for the last few years and has really fallen in love with how they teach the gospel in an applicable way. The future is a little fuzzy for Emily, but she feels called to go to the mission field at some point during her life. Until then, she is focusing on serving God wherever He takes her. We asked her to tell us a little about her experiences while with us in Atlanta.

1. *What did you do while you were here in Atlanta?*

The program was based off of cross-cultural ministry training, teamwork, and discipleship. During the training, I not only learned so much about missions, but I also learned a lot about myself. There was so much information that I will be able to use in many different life situations. We also worked with the planting team among a Hispanic community. Two days a week we spent our evenings doing a 'kids club' with the children who lived in the community. We would spend time with their mothers as well, getting to know them and trying to teach the children about The Lord.

2. *What did God teach you through your internship?*

Through the training I learned an abundant amount about ministry, however, I learned even more about relationships while I was on the trip. God showed me that relationships aren't always balanced, but we need to keep pouring the love of God into everyone, even if we don't get it in return. I also learned that I never want to stop learning, because there is always something else I can learn and hopefully pass on to others.



3. *In what ways has this experience changed your present life and your plans for the future?*

After the experience, I know that I want to continue to do missions in the United States, before I go on to possible mission work overseas. There is need everywhere so I don't want to limit myself to any certain place right now. My plans have changed for the future because I think I am interested in becoming a counselor for missionaries at some point in my life. I don't know if that's in my plan, but I feel God pulling my heart in that direction as well.

4. *Why should others consider doing an internship with Encompass in Atlanta?*

This was an incredible learning opportunity in more than one aspect of my life. I would suggest an internship to people who are considering a future in missions or are currently serving in a different cultural environment. It was an incredible way to be involved with another culture, serving them, while learning about cross cultural ministry at the same time. It really gave me a taste of what cross-cultural ministry would look like if that was the path God sent me on.

5. *What was the most fun experience that you had while you were here?*

One of the greatest experiences was when the whole Engage 5 team participated in the 'Encompass amazing race.' It was so much fun and we all learned how we acted in a team setting under pressure. In general, I loved seeing all the diversity in Atlanta and learning about the different cultures that live there, especially the Hispanic community that we worked with. The experience was wonderful, and I really have been blessed by Encompass staff and the team that I grew close with while we trained together.