**Summer 2015 – Internship Opportunity!**

**Background**
Right now in the United States, 7,000 high school students drop out every day (about 1 every 26 seconds). 90% of these drop outs are on welfare. Of these 90% of high school drop outs, 50% of the children in these families suffer from no father in the home and an illiterate mother.

Over 55% of state and federal inmates cannot read (they didn’t learn how by grade 3). Our state and federal penitentiaries determine how many future beds they’ll need to accommodate for based on today’s national reading test scores of today’s third graders!

At third grade, children are expected to make the transition from learning to read to reading to learn. If they don’t, they often get behind, and constitute a majority of the high school drop-out population.

**Internship**
**Mission: Literacy** is a program of The Salvation Army, designed to take children to their grade level in reading over the summer months. We use a simple, straight-forward curriculum that teaches children literacy skills.

Interns will help direct the program, working directly with kids, and oversee teams of volunteers.

**Accommodations**
Food and housing are provided if needed.

We’d love to provide a positive reference at the end of the summer as well for any future ministry or work opportunities you pursue.

We’d also love to tailor this internship towards an opportunity that’ll meet your needs. We are willing to add to this basic outline in order to accommodate other needed internship requirements, and to tailor the internship towards your gifting, interests, and pursuits. Please let us know what other interests you may have, and how else we might be able to better suit this opportunity for you (ideas of other areas to be explored that we can offer include involvement with additional children’s initiatives, running a free community medical clinic, prison aftercare, prison outreach, learning general administration of a local charity, and others).

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* We can accommodate 5-8 interns. *