# **Build Hope: Rio Grande Valley Go Trip 2026**

### What is the purpose of this trip?

- To show and share the Gospel with our friends in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) area.
- To assemble a <u>Buckner</u> home in Peñitas, Texas for a family in need.

### What will we be doing in the Rio Grande Valley area?

- For this Go Trip, we'll work in two teams:
  - Our construction team will build a home in partnership with Buckner International from foundation to completion; we'll use the home components constructed here at Stonebriar and add siding, windows, and roofing.
  - Our kitchen team will be preparing and cooking three meals a day for the entire team during the week.

### Who can participate?

- Adults: single adults, couples, and senior adults are all welcome to participate!
- 12 people are needed for the construction team and 3 for the kitchen team.

## Dates of the Go Trip: Frisco ISD Spring Break—March 14–20, 2026

#### Schedule:

- Thursday, March 12—Travel Day for the "Project Foundation Team"
- Friday, March 13—Travel to the Rio Grande Valley for the rest of the team
- Saturday, March 14–Thursday, March 19—Home build project in the RGV
- Thursday night, March 19—Celebration dinner with the receiving family
- Friday, March 20—Travel Day home

### What is the fundraising goal of the trip?

- \$650 per person—MUST PAY IN FULL before you leave for the Rio Grande Valley Go Trip
- Cost includes:
  - Lodging, meals, and all supplies for construction. During meetings, we will determine if participants should bring additional tools.
  - The cost does NOT include travel arrangements to/from Rio Grande Valley Area—these are your own responsibility to coordinate, and they are not included in the cost of the trip.

## For more information and details for this Go Trip, please contact:

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- Or visit our Go Trips web page at <u>stonebriar.org/go-trips</u>

#### About Buckner International, Stonebriar's Partner for the Build Hope Project

Buckner International is a ministry dedicated to the transformation and restoration of the lives we serve. They are a Christ-centered organization that delivers redemptive ministry to the most vulnerable from the beginning to the ending of life.

In many cases, it can take 15 or more years for families living in the Texas Colonias to build a home on their own. However, with the help of Buckner Family Hope Centers and the Healthy Housing program, this process can be expedited to just a few months. As families develop healthy behaviors and communication strategies through key services, aid, and coaching from Buckner International, they become eligible to receive a home.

When a family is ready, they can apply for the housing program, where Buckner connects churches and groups with families to construct a new home together. Through the Healthy Housing program, families have access to a safe and healthy home, leading to lasting change in the family's social and emotional well-being. Through a rigid and thorough process, Buckner has found a family who has agreed to participate in the Home Build Program, and we here at Stonebriar get to be a part of giving this family a home to call their own.

Learn more about the mission and programs of Buckner International at <u>buckner.org</u>.