

## **THIS IS ONEIDA THOUGHTS FROM A VOLUNTEER, part 2**

Want to know what volunteers find at OBI?

Here's a partial list:

- Laughter comes easy there. It's a joyous place.
- It may be rainy, cloudy, or foggy, but the Sun shines twenty-four hours a day there.
- Being just a tiny cog in a big wheel can be mighty fulfilling.
- That serving in a place like that can be habit forming.
- That the most valuable, precious things in the world aren't things at all.
- That the place is full of your friends, even if you haven't met them yet.
- That if it weren't for volunteers, that particular place would have to close.
- Not everyone is driven by big bucks.
- That place and others like it are founded and operate on the "five loaves/two fish model."
- God provides.
- That place makes "the middle of nowhere" the place to be.
- When you leave that place tired and sore, leaving behind all the work you did for no pay, you're thinking, "I hope I can come back."
- Love is a verb.
- That place makes a difference and it does so in places you'd never dream of.
- Apparently somewhere along the line somebody decided "Keep It Simple and Trust God" was the way to go. It appears to have been a good decision.
- Ya hungry? It's your own fault.
- You can't wait to go back and take more people with you.
- If you aren't careful you can be blessed there.
- They say it's more blessed to give than to receive, but for the life of me, I can't figure out how to give to Oneida without receiving.
- Oneida is a place where God routinely works miracles and people are motivated by love.
- You may think you're sorting clothes, painting, or moving furniture, but you're really molding a youngster's life.
- Oneida Baptist Institute 1899 – I hope it's still operating when the Lord returns!



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