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interns. This phase gives them time to learn from experienced leaders and gain hands-on experience in church ministry and outreach.

Living and serving alongside others creates opportunities to grow in relationships, receive guidance, and put what they are learning into practice. COAL is designed to help participants develop spiritually, relationally, and practically as they take on new responsibilities.

Serve across cultures

The final phase takes participants internationally to serve churches and communities. Previous COAL teams have served in countries including Mexico, India, Germany, Nigeria, South Africa, and the Philippines.

Cross-cultural service gives participants the opportunity to learn from disciples in different settings and contribute to the work those churches are doing. It also broadens their understanding of the global family of believers.

Take the next step

At Hope for Kids, we talk about a spiral of service: being served, learning to serve others, growing into leadership, mentoring, and eventually being sent to help others begin that journey.

If you are a young adult considering how to use this next season of your life, we invite you to learn more and apply.

Church leaders, campus ministers, parents, and friends can help by sharing this opportunity with someone who is ready to grow through service. Please also pray for the applicants and the team preparing for Season 7.

Applications are open now through December 15, 2026.

- Apply for COAL Season 7
- Learn more about COAL

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What could God do with 15 months of your life?

Applications are open for Chance of a Lifetime (COAL) Season 7, beginning in summer 2027. Through Hope for Kids, young adults have the opportunity to spend 15 months growing in faith, serving in ministry, learning from experienced leaders, and building community with others who want to follow Jesus.

Applications close December 15, 2026.

COAL brings together ministry training and the everyday practice of serving others. Participants learn alongside a team, receive mentorship, and take on responsibilities that help prepare them to serve wherever God leads them next.

Start by serving

The experience begins with a summer at Camp Hope for Kids in Pennsylvania. COAL participants serve as full-time summer staff, working with children and families while receiving training and spiritual mentorship.

Camp provides opportunities to practice leadership every day: caring for others, working as a team, and learning to serve faithfully. Those lessons become a foundation for the months ahead.

Grow through ministry

After the summer, participants spend nine months serving as ministry

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