

HelpX profile for

Del Stanton Los Angeles, California

I am a happy person with a positive outlook on life. I am willing to consider opportunities to work and learn in both urban and rural settings anywhere in the lower 48 states and Canada. I have commitments that will keep me in Los Angeles until early in 2012. While my profile lists many rural skills I wish to be considered for urban placements as well.

Many skills: photography, gardening, rough carpentry, handy man to troubleshoot and repair household appliances and machinery. I will bring some carpentry and mechanics tools. Moderate plumbing skills. Experienced with small engine repair. I grew up with horses. I have kept a hive of bees. (I would like to build and stock a top bar bee hive during my stay.) I built a demonstration rammed earth house in Alaska.

I have driven a tractor mowing and side delivery raking hay crops and worked with beef cattle. I have built and repaired barbed wire fences with wooden posts. (In Panama I saw many fences that used purposely planted trees as living fence posts. I would like to explore the possibility of doing that in the US.) I can troubleshoot, repair and add to electrical systems to homes and outbuildings. I enjoy garden work. Would like to work with goats and learn to make yogurt, cheese and cottage cheese. I want to learn to work with barnyard fowl and rabbits.

I worked for two solar panel companies as a design engineer: Spectrolab & Arco Solar. I set up my own small solar power system in Panama. Many small solar panel systems can produce more power if augmented by tracking the Sun and adding moderate (1.5X to 2X) concentration with simple flat mirrors. While it may sound complicated to track the Sun it is actually very easy to do.

I enjoy teaching, can teach basic Windows computer skills, mathematics (algebra, trigonometry), and beginning physics including mechanics, light, heat, sound and electricity up to the junior college level. I would relish an opportunity to work with the parents of young children - one to four years old - to teach them to read and do arithmetic. Go to Amazon Books and search author Glenn Doman. The two books to look at are "Teach Your Baby to Read" and "Teach Your Baby Math".

I have lived two years north of the arctic circle (Kotzebue, Alaska) and three years without running water and off the electrical grid on a rain forest tropical island (Isla Solarte, Republic of Panama). Thus I can thrive in a primitive environment far from centers of population with temperatures from arctic cold to rain forest heat and humidity.

Reasonable competence with Windows computers (spreadsheet, database and simple webpages). I taught Windows computer operation and the use of the Internet at the local library. I have bought and sold many things on Ebay.

I will come with a car and a bicycle. I will also be bringing a small

astronomical telescope.

Willing to work doing gardening, animal care, cooking, washing dishes, house cleaning (barn and coop cleaning too!), painting and all sorts of repairs.