



Haiti Mission Trip

Saturday, June 29 - Saturday, July 6

Purpose: This trip is in support of Source of Life Ministries in Haiti (sourceoflifeministries.com). This ministry provides housing, education, and spiritual growth for orphaned children. We'll be involved in practical work projects as well as ministry to the children and community.

Participants: The trip is open to youth and adults. We recommend age 13 and older but if you are interested in coming with younger children, please speak to the leadership. Because of housing we are limited to 12 people. We are looking for people from all walks of life – those with skilled construction experience, those who can work hard in support roles, and those with a heart to serve the children and staff.

Ministry: The week will be a combination of work projects on the facility, ministry with the kids, and community outreach. Our schedule will tentatively be arranged as follows:

| | Morning | Afternoon | Evening |
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| Saturday | Fly to Haiti | Ground Transportation to Guest House | Meet Source of Life Kids & Staff |
| Sunday | Worship with Local Congregation | Fun & Ministry with the Kids | |
| Monday-Friday | Work Projects, Children's Ministry, and/or Community Outreach | | Dinner & Debrief at the Guest House |
| Saturday | Depart for Airport | Travel | Arrive Home |

Travel: We will fly together to Port-au-Prince Haiti and take ground transportation about two hours outside the city to the safe house. Jacque Merine, founder and director of the ministry, will meet us at the airport and serve as our guide and translator for the trip.

Accommodations: The team will stay in a modern guest house with electricity and indoor plumbing at the nearby Haiti Health Ministries (haitihealthministries.org). Breakfast and dinner will be eaten at the guest house. We'll eat lunch on site with the children.

Preparation: We'll have 3-4 team meetings before we go for training and team building. You'll need to turn in payment and forms according to the schedule below. Additionally, you'll need to secure your passport and fulfill any medical preparations recommended by your doctor.

Cost & Support Raising: The total cost for all transportation, housing, will be around **\$1,200** (depending on final flight expenses). NOTE: all travel-related costs and participant fees are tax deductible*. You are encouraged to send support letters to family and friends outside the church. The church will collect an offering for the trip on a specified Sunday that will be distributed evenly among the team. Please note these dates for payments and forms:

- March 3 – \$200 deposit, registration form, and photocopy of passport
- April 28 – \$500 payment
- May 26 – \$500 (or remaining balance if price changes)

Please annotate all checks in the memo field "Haiti". Payments can be made weekly, monthly, or as specified above – whatever works best for you. *Please give your checks to your team leader or Donna Sue Bongardt.*

Registration: Please fill-in your registration form completely (one per person) and return to Donna Sue Bongardt or the church office. Checks and donations should be made out to Living Hope Church with "Haiti" in the memo line. Please tell all sponsors that donations are tax deductible.

If you have questions about registration or payment, please email office@findlivinghope.com.

If you have other questions about the trip, please email the trip leader Greg Chambers at greg@findlivinghope.com.

* <https://www.irs.gov/publications/p17/ch24.html>



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Please attach the **\$200 deposit and a photocopy of your passport** to this completed form and return to Donna Sue Bongardt or the church office by Sunday, March 3. Make check payable to Living Hope Church with "Haiti" in the memo line.

Name: _____

Age (at time of trip): _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Briefly describe when you first placed faith in Christ and how your commitment to him affects your daily life.

What is your experience with mission trips?

Why are you feeling called to go on this trip?

In what ways are you most excited to serve? Work Projects? Children's Ministry? Community Outreach?

Describe any training, experience, or skills you have that might be helpful to our ministry (construction trades, music, teaching, sports, technology, etc.)?

What other questions, concerns, or input do you have about the travel, accommodations, conditions, expense, ministry, etc.?

What is the best time for our team meetings before the trip? Before church? After church? Weeknight? Saturday?

By God's grace, please sign the following pledge:

- I commit to cover the full cost of the trip through my own income and/or support raising.
- I will make it a priority to attend all team meetings and will review all material covered in meetings I cannot attend.
- I will strive to live in a Christ-like way in my attitude, speech, and behavior while on the trip.
- I understand that the weather will be hot, the conditions will be rough, and I will be expected to work hard and get dirty.
- I will be ready to participate in ministry, share my faith, and pray for those we meet as God gives opportunity.
- I intend to follow the direction and leadership of Living Hope Church and Source of Life while on the trip.

Signature

Date