



IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ ALL OF THE DETAILS IN THIS PACKET CAREFULLY

WHAT IS THE HAITI MISSION TRIP?

The majority of our serving will be done at our sister church, Petit Trou Baptist Church. While there our goal is to carry out Reciprocal Ministries International's mission of building relationships between the people of Haiti and the United States and sharing the love of Jesus with the people of Petit Trou, Haiti. Our team has the opportunity to deliver food to shut ins, visit satellite churches, host a children's and youth's service, attend an evangelistic outreach services, lead a women's and a men's bible study and visit children who are sponsored through the Hope for Kidz program.

WHY DO WE GO ON THE HAITI MISSION TRIP?

Haiti is one of the world's poorest countries with 58.6% of its people living in poverty and 24.7% in extreme poverty. Poverty doesn't just end at the loss of money or material items. People in Haiti also live in a spiritual poverty. That's why we have partnered with Reciprocal Ministries International (RMI) to transform lives through church to church partnerships. RMI works hand in hand with national churches to enable them and resource them for life transformation through evangelism, discipleship, education, community development and social compassion. For more information about the application process, see "Application and Acceptance" below.

DETAILS

WHO: Members of The Bayou Church ages 18+ (Exceptions made for under 18 on case by case basis)

WHERE: Petit Trou, Haiti

WHEN: Friday, June 5 - Friday, June 12, 2020

APPLICATION: All applications must be submitted by November 3, 2019

COST: \$1,800

APPLICATION & ACCEPTANCE

Each person considering serving on our Haiti Mission Trip must complete a Mission Trip Application found at <https://thebayouchurch.org/connect/missions/haiti>. After the application deadline, November 3, 2019, all applicants will receive an email indicating whether or not their applications have been accepted. This is an annual trip so if an applicant is not selected for this year, we encourage you to apply for the following year. If accepted, each applicant must turn a \$100 non-refundable deposit by the team meet and greet, December 8, 2019. The ways that you can submit the deposit are listed below:

- **MAIL** - Cash or check made out to "The Bayou Church" and mailed to Maddie Wells at The Bayou Church 2234 Kaliste Saloom Rd. Lafayette, LA 70508. Please leave the memo line blank.
- **GENEROSITY BOX** - Cash or check made out to "The Bayou Church" and placed in a generosity box on campus in an envelope with the applicant's name and "Haiti Mission Trip" written on it.
- **ONLINE** - Card payment online by going to thebayouchurch.org/missions and clicking the button "give to mission trips." You can designate which trip you are making a donation towards and even include your name.

TEAM TRAINING DATES

Each team meeting plays an important part in communicating information about the trip, developing a bond as a team, creating and shaping the activities/lessons we will be doing while on the trip, developing discipline to be at each meeting, growing leadership skills, and answering questions about the trip. Meeting details are listed here:

AUGUST 24	Haitian Creole Boot Camp
DECEMBER 8	Team Meet and Greet
JANUARY 12	Team Training #1 (9:15 - 10:45 in the Beanery Classroom)
JANUARY 19	Team Training #2 (9:15 - 10:45 in the Beanery Classroom)
FEBRUARY 16	Team Training #3 (9:15 - 10:45 in the Beanery Classroom)
MARCH 22	Team Training #4 (9:15 - 10:45 in the Beanery Classroom)
APRIL 19	Team Training #5 (9:15 - 10:45 in the Beanery Classroom)
MAY 3	Team Training #6 (9:15 - 10:45 in the Beanery Classroom)
MAY 17	Team Training #7 (9:15 - 10:45 in the Beanery Classroom)
MAY 24	Team Prayer/Mission Sunday
JUNE 1	Packing Meeting
JUNE 26	Team Dinner (time and location to be determined)

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 8	Deposit due - \$100
JANUARY 19	Deadline for passport to be ordered
FEBRUARY 9	Copy of passport due to Maddie Wells
FEBRUARY 16	Flight money due - \$692 **
APRIL 19	Final balance due - \$1,108
JUNE 5	Depart from New Orleans Airport (6:00am) **
JUNE 12	Return to New Orleans Airport (11:00pm) **

** *Based on current air contract*

COST BREAKDOWN

The total cost of the trip is \$1,800. At this time we have an air contract reserved for \$692 dependent upon a team of 10 or more passengers with our group. If we have less than 10 team members we will have to search for a new flight contract and the price may increase or decrease. The in-country expenses are \$800 and includes ground transportation, lodging for two nights in a hotel and five nights at the mission house, meals during the trip, building supplies for houses, bibles and other items to bless families that we visit. There is also a \$308 ministry fee which covers travel insurance, training materials, airline baggage fees, team dinner and misc travel fees.

SUPPORT LETTERS

We will provide each applicant with an example support letter that they can use to write their own letters to send to family, friends, and local businesses to request spiritual and financial assistance for this trip. Support letters have been used in all of our past missions and generates responsibility in our students as well as creates a humble attitude throughout the trip. Many of our past team members were able to pay for their mission trip in full with the support they received in these letters. We want to encourage you to trust in God's plan for your mission experience by using support letters to help with the cost of the trip.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Our mission trips qualify as charitable travel, therefore, all contributions that given to this mission trip are considered a tax-deductible contribution to the Make a Difference Fund of The Bayou Church. Anyone who

contributes financially to this trip will receive a Contribution Statement at the end of the year listing all donations.

There are no refunds for any contributions. If more funds are raised than are needed for this trip, excess funds will be used for future mission trips. If the trip is cancelled or a team member is no longer able to go on the trip for any reason, the funds received will also be used for future mission trips.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Passport - \$100 (Required)

Immunization Shots - \$100 (Recommended)

Spending Money - \$100 (Optional)

GENERAL SCHEDULE

We will fly into Port Au Prince and then travel to Petit Trou, a rural town about six hours from the capital. We will do most of our ministry work in Petit Trou and the surrounding villages. Below is a general schedule of planned activities, however, sometimes God opens up opportunities for things that we don't originally plan to do and therefore this schedule is subject to change.

JUNE 5	Travel and depart from Lafayette
JUNE 6	Travel, arrival & orientation
JUNE 7-10	Ministry in Haiti
JUNE 11	Travel & sightseeing
JUNE 12	Travel and return to Lafayette

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Upon acceptance, team members will attend a meet and greet on December 1, 2019 where the team leaders will discuss trip logistical information as well as distribute sample support letters and forms to complete registration. At the first team training on January 12, 2020, the team leaders will distribute training manuals and devotionals. Additional information such as rules, packing lists, training materials, trip details, etc. can be found in the Mission Trip Training Manual.

If you have any further questions about the Haiti Mission Trip, please feel free to contact us!

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