

**HAITI SHORT-TERM MISSIONS**  
**MISSIONARY APPLICATION**

\*\*PLEASE PRINT\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Airline \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance card # \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Phone Number of Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have personal accident/health travel insurance yes / no

Name and telephone # of company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Relationship): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

List all Medical Conditions and Allergies:

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Please visit your physician prior to trip and follow his/her advice as to which immunizations and medications you will need.

***NOTE: It is Mandatory that your Tetanus Shot has not expired for travel to Haiti.***

## TERMS OF AGREEMENT

I understand that during my stay in Haiti to help further the charitable programs of Haiti Missions, a donation is included with my application.

I agree that I will be responsible to cover all additional costs such as souvenirs purchased, telephone calls, plus damages to vehicles or properties. I will honor all promises or commitments I make to the Haitian people.

I agree to submit to my group leader and follow all rules and regulations or it will be arranged for me to be sent home early and I will be responsible for all expenses. (i.e. Cost of flight change to be paid to airline, plus additional cost of \$120.00 US for a ride to PAP airport or any emergency service expenses)

I agree that I will not smoke, drink alcohol or use coarse language during my short term mission trip to Haiti.

I am aware that I am traveling **at my own risk** to a 4<sup>th</sup> World Country which is politically unstable. I will in no event hold Haiti Missions responsible for any injuries, theft, disasters or accidents.

I have been advised not to give out personal information such as my phone number, e-mail or mailing address while I am visiting Haiti.

I understand that it is encouraged to build new and lasting relationships with the Haitian people, however dating is not permitted and in doing so my trip will be terminated.

I am aware and agree that if I have to be sent home early for any reason I will assume all responsibility for additional costs incurred.

I guarantee that my tetanus booster has not expired.

If I am under 18 years of age, I am traveling with a ***legal guardian*** who assumes all responsibility for me.

Please read the entire document before signing:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If under 18)

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT INTERVIEW FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My talents or special interests are:

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Have you been on previous mission trips and if so please list the Countries visited and describe your overall experience:

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What made you decide to go to Haiti and what are your trip expectations:

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Please describe your relationship with God and state how long you've been saved:

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# PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP TO HAITI

## 1) THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

Before coming to Haiti you will need to submit the following to our Canadian Office:

- A completed and signed missionary application form
- Confirmation of airline reservation

Please note \*

- If you are coming with a team, all donations and applications should be sent together by your team leader.

### PASSPORTS:

You will need a passport to enter Haiti. Please make 2 color photocopies of your passport identity page and give one to your team leader and leave the other with someone at home just in case of theft or an emergency.

### CURRENCY:

You must travel with American currency. While in Haiti, American currency can easily be exchanged into Haitian currency. Visa cards are only accepted at some hotels and at one modernized grocery stores in Port au Prince.

### HEALTH:

We encourage you to check with your physician before traveling to Haiti. It is mandatory to have your regular immunizations and tetanus booster updated if they have expired. It is up to you and your physician to decide whether or not to take Malaria medication. Please request a prescription to treat travelers' diarrhea. Travel insurance is *mandatory* for everyone going to Haiti. Please visit Haiti at [www.mdtravelhealth.com](http://www.mdtravelhealth.com) for more info.

## 2) PACKING TO GO:

The airline allows two 50-pound suitcases and one carry-on bag per person. If you wish, you can bring one suitcase full of articles you will need for your stay and you may fill the other suitcase with supplies needed for the ministry in Haiti.

### Personal items you will need:

- Lightweight cotton clothing is strongly suggested
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Bible
- Modest swim wear, (women must wear shorts over swimsuit - no bikini's)
- Sunscreen
- 2 towels and 2 facecloths
- Backpack with an insulated water bottle
- Flashlight and batteries
- Toiletries (i.e. shampoo, soap, etc...)

- ❑ Mosquito repellent
- ❑ Camera
- ❑ Band-Aids, Tylenol, Imodium, Gravol, Benadryl
- ❑ Small mirror
- ❑ Plastic cup for brushing teeth
- ❑ One outfit for church service. (Women's shoulders must be covered in church according to Haitian Culture)

In the Haitian culture, ladies are required to wear dresses or skirts all the time. Men must wear a shirt at all times. Pants are preferred but modest shorts are acceptable for men except in church.

We also ask our visitors not to smoke or drink alcohol during your visit. Due to the Haitian culture and their beliefs, we request males remove all body piercings. It is believed that men with piercings are thieves and women with extra piercings are prostitutes or witches. Women are allowed earrings but excess piercings must be removed. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### 3) YOUR ARRIVAL IN PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI:

While on the plane you will receive a customs/immigration card and upon arrival at the airport you must pass through immigration. When passing through immigration the card that you received will be processed there.

On the customs/immigration card you will need to fill out the address of where you will be staying in Haiti. Please put this address in your wallet or with your passport for your convenience. For security reasons please keep this address confidential and do not give it out to people you may meet in the airports, on the planes, or while we are in Haiti:

- Address: 53 Neply, Leogane, Haiti
- Phone: 5093-789-4621

There are Haitian porters at the luggage carousel who we hire to assist us in claiming our baggage and will transport our luggage through customs inspection and outside to the vehicle. Before exiting the airport it is often required to hand in luggage claim tickets to a customs officer.

**DO NOT give away these tickets until all the luggage has been retrieved.**

### 4) PURCHASING CRAFTS & PHOTOGRAPHY:

Customs has advised us not to purchase or touch any goatskin items. Goatskins carry diseases and will not pass through customs. We ask you refrain from purchasing the following two items which are used in voodoo practices:

- A statue of an old man with a pipe, leaning on a stick or Voodoo drums

You are welcome to take pictures and video while on the trip however we advise you ask the Haitians permission before taking their photo.

## 6) TRIP COSTS:

You will be responsible for:

- Your own Airline ticket
- Travel Insurance (mandatory)
- Trip budgets and donations to help further charitable programs will be discussed with the Canadian Office or if coming with a group please speak with your Team Leader.
- You may or may not be required to pay an airport exit tax when leaving Port au Prince Airport. The cost can range from \$30.00 to \$50.00 US so be prepared.
- Souvenirs and spending money for food at Airports are also your responsibility.

We thank you so much for your interest in our ministry. We want to make your stay as pleasant as possible. Every individual has different expectations, personalities and talents. Please share your trip expectations with our Canadian office. We'll work with you the best we can to try and make your visit to Haiti an enjoyable memory.

For further information please contact:

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*We look forward to traveling with you!*

## HAITI FACTS/INFO

Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere. Despite living in material poverty and spiritual darkness, the people of Haiti have an enormous amount of endurance. When they receive Christ as Lord and Savior in their lives they find new hope and deep spiritual faith, but their physical needs remain overwhelming. God has called us to bring hope to the lost and assist in their fight against extreme poverty.

The following statistics indicate the severity of Haiti's problem:

Haiti is 750 miles south of the Florida Keys in the West Indies. Land mass is approximately the size of the state of Maryland with 10,000 miles of mountainous terrain.

Population now exceeding 9 million people makes Haiti the most populated and poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Over 50% of the population is under the age of 15.

The government is not able to provide the resources to educate the nation's next generation. Only about 20% of children attend school.

45% of the population is illiterate and less than 20% of Haitians age 15 and over can read and write.

The unemployment rate is over 80%.

More than half of Haitians live on less than a dollar a day or approximately \$250 US dollars a year.

Haiti has the third-highest rate of hunger in the world, behind Somalia and Afghanistan.

Less than one third of Haiti has access to clean drinking water and sanitation.

With running water lacking in most hospitals, Haiti's maternal and infant mortality rates are among the highest in the world. Also 30% of Haitian women die from child birth-mainly infections.

Of the people, 90% are poor and 75% of the population lives in extreme poverty.

Life expectancy is 47-50 years of age.

One third of the children will die before age 5.

There are an estimated 960 deaths daily which works out to one death every minute of each day.

Leading causes of death are tuberculosis, starvation/malnutrition, HIV/AIDS. Polio re-emerged on the island in the year 2000. Only 30% of children are vaccinated against diseases.

HIV/AIDS kills an estimated 200,000 children each year. That gives Haiti the highest per-capita AIDS death rate in the hemisphere and one of the highest in the world.

**The United Nations calls Haiti a "Silent Emergency."**



## UNDERSTANDING HAITIAN MONEY

There is actually no such thing as a Haitian dollar bill and everything is paid with goudes. One Haitian dollar is the equivalent of 5 goudes. Therefore if you someone is charging you ten Haitian dollars you would give them 50 goudes.

Remember, they ask for payment in “Haitian Dollars” but you pay using Goudes!

The U.S. to Haitian currency exchange rate changes frequently but generally it is around 7-1.

Here are some examples based on that rate.

\$1.00 US = \$7.00 Haitian = \$35.00 Goudes

\$5.00 US = \$35.00 Haitian = \$175.00 Goudes

\$10.00 US = \$70.00 Haitian = \$350.00 Goudes

\$15.00 US = \$105.00 Haitian = \$525.00 Goudes

\$20.00 US = \$140.00 Haitian = \$700.00 Goudes

You can see the pattern. Multiply the US dollars x 7 (or whatever the exchange rate is at that time) and then multiply the amount of Haitian dollars x 5 to give you the total amount in Goudes.

Remember if you are unsure of what to do please ask one of the Canadian Representatives or the Haitian Pastors.