

Haiti FAQ

I'm interested in going, how do I sign up?

Contact Jen McKinney at jmckinney@gracestl.org or 618-709-2824 and send a \$200 deposit to Grace Church East, 4701 State Route 111, Granite City, IL 62040 (in memo write "Haiti-your name"). Your name will be added to our website for easy online payment/donation. Your \$200 deposit will go towards your room/board fees.

Do I get my deposit back?

No, if you decide not to go after making the deposit, that money will go towards ministry supplies and cannot be saved for the following trip.

What kind of shots/vaccinations do I need before the trip?

Make sure all your vaccinations are current including Tetanus. No additional required.

Do I need a passport?

Yes, a valid passport is required.

What's the total cost of the trip?

\$200 deposit (will go towards room/board fees); approx. \$750 airfare; \$55 per day room/board (5-10 days stay); \$100 ministry supplies; \$40 extra suitcase fee (credit card only at the airport); \$10 entrance fee in Haiti. Bring additional personal cash for airport food and souvenirs. Approx. cost for 7 day trip: \$1,285

How do I raise my funds?

We suggest that you plan personal fundraisers, including sending out sponsor letters to family and friends. We also challenge team members to raise funds beyond what's needed personally to help with additional ministry costs.

What are my accommodations?

We sleep in dorm type rooms on bunk beds, there is running water and flushing toilets for the most part. If you're a light sleeper, bring ear plugs and eye masks.

I want to donate, how can I help?

Click on the "Donate" button and you can designate which ministry you would like to give to. You can also help by donating supplies we are collecting (see supply list).

Will my food be provided?

Yes! Breakfast (eggs, toast, peanut butter, oatmeal) and dinner (rice, beans, plantains, chicken, spaghetti, tacos and plenty of fruit) will be provided. We pack bars/beef jerky/nuts in our backpacks to take with us for lunch. This is why it's important to pack the personal food items you like to eat. Bottled water and sodas provided.

What should I do if I have special medical concerns (i.e. diabetes, asthma, motion sickness, allergies)?

Bring proper medications, breathing treatments, allergy medications. We suggest you get a prescription for antibiotics just in case you get sick. The dust in Haiti is horrible so allergies and asthma will be worst there; this is something to take seriously.

Will I be able to contact my family back home?

Yes. We have access to Wi-Fi at the guesthouse. There are apps you can download for free calls and texting (they have to be downloaded in the states).

What's the daily schedule?

Busy! We visit a ministry each day and some days we visit two. We eat breakfast, leave for a ministry and get back in the afternoon or evening time. On days we get back to the house earlier, we organize and get our supplies ready for the next day.

What do I pack?

Go on the Team Info and you will find a very thorough packing list. (*) Items are just suggestions. Remember it's very hot and humid in Haiti, all year round.

Is it safe to bring my camera, cell phone, video camera?

Yes

How much cash should I bring with me?

This is up to you, depending on if you're buying souvenirs or if you want to leave money with ministries we work with. At the end of the trip, you can leave any extra cash you have to the ministries God has laid on your heart to give to (approved by leadership).

Grace Website: www.gracechurcheastcampus.org/haiti

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