

Mission Trip: Beaumont, Haiti Info Sheet

Cost: \$800 plus airfare (\$1100-\$1400)

Dates: March 3-10, 2023

Necessary Documents/Immunizations:

- Passport.
- A current tetanus shot is required. You should have one every 10 years.
- A typhoid vaccine is required. Check with your physician or your health department. A typhoid vaccine is good for 10 years.
- Malaria prophylaxis is required.
- A hepatitis A or immune globin is recommended by the CDC, but not required.

What to Expect: Haiti's history is fascinating. They were the first country to be founded by former slaves, after overthrowing the French. Their tumultuous birth seems to be a precursor to further tumult. Currently, Two out of every three Haitians live on less than \$2.00 (US) per day, and nearly 25% live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.25 (US) per day. Ten percent (10%) of the richest Haitians possess 70% of the nation's total income. The corruption in their structures has led to great poverty and injustice. In our travels, you will get to see Port-au-Prince, which is the largest city in Haiti, as well as the more remote villages and towns. The people generally live in 1-2 room homes they build out of tin, clay, or whatever is available. Conditions tend to be a bit better in Beaumont, as it is more rural and people have their own crops to live on. We will stay with the pastor in his home. There will be 3-4 of us on cots in each bedroom. There is no running water; you will flush toilets with a bucket, and take 'bucket baths'. The food is painstakingly made by a large group of women in what we would think of as 'camping' conditions with open fires. You may see the goat you eat that evening running around the yard that morning. 😊

What to Pack-Dress in Haiti: The general rule for most events and activities is that men should always wear pants and ladies should always wear a skirt (no shorter than knee length) and top that covers their shoulders. Ties for men in church services are suggested for team members, but only required if you are preaching. During moments of relaxation at Zanglais Ministry Center, while in Cayes with the missionaries, while resting on the front porch at your Sister church, or doing physical work projects, shorts are acceptable. Note, that during hard physical labor, it's your decision, but we suggest pants for safety reasons. **Your Phone.** Check your plan before you leave re: international rates, and if possible, use an app like "WhatsApp" to communicate freely with your friends and family back home. **You'll Need:** towel/washcloth, your prescriptions, sun protection, over the counter meds for stomach ailments, small individually-packed snacks (granola bars, crackers), charger for your phone--in addition to what you would normally pack.

Pre-Trip Deadlines:

- **ASAP:** Let Beth know you would like to join the team. Recruit 3 friends to pray for your preparation and trip.
- 12/1/22: release forms and team member information forms are due. \$800 fee for RMI due to Hope Church.
- 1/1/23: make check out to Hope Church for airfare (TBD)
- 2/5/23: Team Meeting
- 2/19/23: Team Meeting
- 3/3/23: Departure

Interested? Have Questions? Contact Beth at 217.652.2954 or byokley@myhope.church.