

SERVANTS FOR HAITI, INC
SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP TO HAITI
for adults and youth 14 and older
October 29 – November 5, 2011

In November 2011, Servants for Haiti, Inc. will be leading a short term mission trip to Haiti. This will be a construction team working with ASAM Ministries, led by Andre and Sylvie Drisdelle. André and Sylvie have been established in Haiti full time for the past two years. In the last year they have opened a guest house for teams coming from outside Haiti. This enables the teams to come knowing that they have a safe place to stay with bathrooms, showers, food etc. The house is close to the tent cities and other sites where people need their help. Recently, Andre and Sylvie have started a small home for orphans and children whose parents cannot take care of them in light of their current living situation.

The teams who have come in the past are usually medical teams, construction teams, or evangelization teams. It is our hope that we will be working in a tent city, helping to build shelters that have concrete floors, tin walls, and a locking door.

After the earthquake, thousands of people have had to live in tents with nowhere else to go. Many people will live in these tents for the rest of their lives. As you can imagine, tents do not provide the security that families need to keep their children and belongings safe. The shelters that we will be building will help families be able to lock their doors at night.

The construction teams bring the funds for to pay for the houses they plan to build during the week. The money is usually sent beforehand so that ASAM can purchase the needed materials and receive them in time. The materials are bought locally to encourage the Haitian economy. ASAM has some experienced young Haitian men who help the team members build. To build a shelter home, the cost is \$750 US per home. The house is big enough for an average 8-person family who have lived under plastic since the earthquake. The team will build a number of these houses, depending on the size of the team.

Daily Schedule:

7:30 am – breakfast
8:30 am – departure for the construction site
12:00 pm – lunchtime at the guest house
1:00 pm – departure for the construction site
5:00-5:30 pm – pm return to guest house
6:00 pm – supper
7:00 pm – devotion/debrief time

On Thursdays, we usually take the team to visit downtown - Presidential Palace, Champs de Mars, tin market, and a place for souvenirs - as well as to a restaurant with Haitian meals.

On Sunday, we usually go to Church On the Rock in Delmas 31 for service at 8:45 am. It is possible to relax, visit or build during the afternoon, as the team wishes.

FORMS

The following forms need to be filled out and returned by Sept 1, 2011: Application Form, Team Member Reference Form, Questionnaire, and Parental Permission Form. A \$250 deposit must accompany these forms to hold your space. The deposit will be applied to the trip cost. There is a limit of 20 people per team.

TRIP COST

Each team member is responsible for their flight reservations. We will let you know which flights to book. Flights should run about \$500.00. Please do not book flights until we confirm the flight numbers and times. There is an additional team cost of \$700.00 to cover room and board, traveling expenses, and supplies. You will also want to bring money for shopping and sightseeing. The final amount is due by Sept 29, 2011. If you feel that you may have a difficult time affording this trip, but feel the Lord leading you to go, you may want to consider asking your church, family, and friends for support.

PASSPORTS

Passports are required. If you already have a passport, please check the dates on your passport to make sure it is still valid. If you procrastinate in getting your passport, expediting it is **VERY COSTLY!** Please send us a copy of your passport.

IMMUNIZATIONS

There are certain shots and immunizations that you should get when traveling to Haiti. A up-to-date tetanus shot is required. For all other immunizations please consult a travel clinic to find out what they suggest for Haiti at this time. Usually a Typhoid shot and Malaria pills are recommended.

LUGGAGE

You are allowed to check one large piece of luggage that CANNOT EXCEED 50 LBS. You are also permitted one carry-on suitcase and a small carry-on such as a backpack or handbag that can fit under the seat. We will ask you to pack some supplies needed for the trip in one of your suitcases.

TRIP SUPPLIES

Below is a list of supplies that will be donated if you can bring them. Currently ASAM has the following three children in their orphanage for whom they are seeking clothing and shoes:

- a two-year-old boy
- a four-year-old girl (currently wears clothes for 24 months)
- an eight-year-old girl (tall but very thin; fits in 6-year-old clothes but the pants end up being three quarter)

They have also requested underwear, deodorant, shoes, rain coats (ponchos, etc.), hats, and sunglasses. In the past we have also brought some of the following items

- Chewable children's vitamins
- Chewable Tylenol
- Adult Tylenol
- Selsun shampoo (used to treat many fungal skin problems)
- Hydrocortisone creams
- Antifungal creams
- Antibiotic creams
- Saline eye drops
- Tums
- Cold medications
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Toilet paper
- Powdered drink mix
- Diapers are always helpful, cloth can be rewashed.
- Used summer clothing

PERSONAL PACKING LIST

- Bible
- water bottle
- swim suit
- beach towel
- work clothes
- camera
- sun screen
- pajamas
- hat
- snacks
- bug spray
- gloves: 2 pair with leather palms
- notebook/pen for journaling
- personal prescriptions in original bottles
- backpack/fanny pack
- work clothes (women must wear shirts with sleeves and shorts that go to the knees)
- work boots/sneakers
- socks (high ones in case we do a cement pour)
- soap
- shampoo
- sanitary items
- spending money
- sunglasses
- underwear
- ear plugs if you are a light sleeper
- plastic bag for dirty laundry
- CD's and CD player for quiet time
- reading material
- sandals for shower
- church dress (must have short sleeves)
- dress/polo shirt for men for church
- non-jeans pants for men for church
- flashlight/reading light
- baby wipes
- hand sanitizer

Important:

Once in Haiti, CD players, MP3 players, iPhones, iPods, and any other music players may only be used in your bedroom at bed time. Use of such devices is not permitted at any other time. They should not be used while in a group or outside the bedroom. We encourage team members not to shut themselves off by listening to music. It is best to spend your time socializing with team members, friends, and the people you meet in Haiti.

SFH does not allow the purchase of alcohol while traveling on a team with us.

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APPLICATION FORM October 29 –November 5, 2011

***Name must be identical to the name on your passport!**

Name _____
Last First Middle

Sex _____ DOB _____

Street: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address: _____

E-mail address for a contact not going to Haiti _____

Passport # _____ Issuing Country _____

SFH requires a copy of your passport for travel

Tee Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL

Person to be notified in case of emergency _____

Emergency contact's phone # _____

Email of a person to contact while in Haiti to give updates: _____

Known Allergies, medical problems, or physical limitations: _____

Medications you are presently taking: _____

Why did you decide to take a mission trip to Haiti? (For more space, use revers side.) _____

I understand the commitment I am making to this team. I promise to fulfill this commitment and to be a faithful, participating team member. I am aware that this is a Christian organization and realize that I will have to attend church and evening devotions. I understand there is a non-refundable \$250.00 deposit that must accompany this application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Servants for Haiti
Team Member Reference Form

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

The above applicant has applied to be a team member on an upcoming short-term missionary work team to Haiti. We want to be sure the applicant is qualified to be a participating member of this team. It is important for us to select qualified applicants to ensure that everyone on the team has a rewarding experience. We will treat the information you supply with the strictest confidence. We would appreciate your utmost honesty.

Physical Condition

- Tires easily
- Able to walk a mile
- Able to tolerate heat
- Good health
- Strong & healthy

Emotional Stability

- Angers easily
- Somewhat over-emotional
- Usually well-balanced
- Well-balanced and self-controlled

Work Habits

- Cooperative
- Starts but doesn't finish
- Unable to work independently
- Follows directions
- Works well in a group
- Prefers to work alone

Teamwork/member

- Frequently causes friction
- Usually cooperative
- Works well with others
- Considerate of others' feelings
- Thoughtful
- Team player

Summary paragraph: This is a Christian organization, please state frankly your opinion whether or not the applicant will blend with this group. Please also add any significant information and impressions that you feel we should know about this applicant.

Reference signature

Reference Name (please print)

Relationship to applicant

Date

Phone#

Please mail this form to: Servants for Haiti, Laurae Richards P.O. Box 1214 Westford, MA 01886

Parent/Guardian Form

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Required for applicants under age 18

Date: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter, _____ to travel to Haiti.

I understand that this trip is sponsored by Servants for Haiti. I also understand that in case of a health emergency, the team leader will be authorized to sign for my son/daughter and will notify me as soon as possible of any emergency.

Person(s) to notify in case of emergency:

Name(s) _____
Please Print

Address: _____ Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Telephone#: _____

Cell #: _____ Work #: _____

Father's or Legal Guardian's signature

Mothers' signature

Questionnaire

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever thought about being a missionary before this trip? Why have you decided you want to go on a mission trip to Haiti?

2. Have you done other missionary work before? How do you think that will help you on this trip?

3. Have you ever traveled to a third world country before? Why do you think now is a good time for you to undergo this experience?

4. What strengths do you think you have to offer this team? Please list any special training such as nursing, CPR/First Aid, musical talents, VBS training, etc.

5. We will be working in extreme heat and dusty conditions. Do you have any allergies, illnesses or other health problems that could affect you on this trip? If yes, what? It is important that you discuss this with us before going on the trip.