

REGISTRATION

Haiti Mission Trip 2016

Name (as it appears on passport – usually your full name) _____

Birth date (XX/XX/XXXX) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

T-shirt Size _____ Passport Number _____

_____ **Enclosed is my \$200.00 non-refundable deposit** (Make checks payable to Lord of Life. Mail to the attention of Tyler Tollefson at 3105 W. 135th St. Leawood, KS 66224 or drop it in the box inside church office.)

_____ **I am registering for the July 17-25, 2016 Collide Mission Trip.**

Projects include: VBS, Young Adult Bible Studies, Children's Projects,

**All registrations and deposits are due NO LATER than
Sunday, January 24, 2016**



Haiti Mission 2016 FAQ

Will I need a passport?

Yes! You definitely need a passport to travel to Haiti. You do not however need a travel VISA. If you do not have a passport, now is the time to get the ball rolling. It doesn't take long to get a passport, but you don't want to wait until the last minute and then have to pay extra to have the process expedited.

Will I need any immunizations?

Yes! This website <http://www.nc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/haiti.aspx> from the Center for Disease Control will give you the latest details. Please check it out. In short, you'll need Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, and Tetanus. You will not need Rabies. Your doctor's office can give you the Hepatitis and Tetanus shots. For Typhoid, you can ask your physician for an oral prescription (lasts 5 years), or you can go to a clinic to receive a Typhoid shot (lasts 3 years). You'll want to get started on your Hepatitis shots right away as they require several boosters. It is okay if you don't get them all in before the trip, but why wait. The good news is that Hepatitis shots are good for life!

• Children 12 months or older, adolescents, and adults who are traveling outside the United States

- International travelers in these age categories who have received 2 doses of MMR or other live measles-containing vaccine are considered immune to measles.
- International travelers in these age categories are also considered immune to measles if they have had the diagnosis of measles documented by a physician, have laboratory evidence of immunity, or were born before 1957.

- International travelers in these age categories who cannot be considered immune according to the above criteria should receive 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine (separated by at least 28 days).

Measles is not currently a problem in Haiti, so don't let this information or recommendation frighten you.

What other medical information should I know?

It's always a good idea to let your primary physician know you are traveling to a 3rd world country like Haiti. **You will need a prescription for malaria as well as an antibiotic.** The malaria medicine we recommend is Malarone. It is the most gentle on the stomach. The antibiotic is for a "just in case" situation. It is more difficult for us to get quality medicine in Haiti so it is better to travel with it. Most doctors are more than willing to write this prescription for you. If you are on any prescriptions make sure to take more than enough with you just in case we get delayed for any reason in our travel.

How much does the trip cost?

The cost of the trip has been set at \$1600.00. It covers everything except meals we eat on our travel days in the airports.

What about Fundraising?

We can do as much or as little fundraising as parents and goers want to take on. In the past we have done the Trivia Night, Easter Breakfast, Lenten Dinners, etc. We have a big fundraising event coming up on April 17th - Trivia Night. Students can auction themselves off for different projects and help serve at the event. Another great way is to write a letter to your friends and family asking for support. Even if you can underwrite the entire cost of the trip, I believe this is a good thing to do because it raises awareness for mission work.

Can those who contribute receive a letter indicating they gave a charitable contribution?

People who contribute \$250.00 or more will receive a letter from Lord of Life indicating the charitable contribution we received. If those who contribute would like a donation letter from us, your name **cannot** appear anywhere on the check.

People who contribute less than \$250.00 can use their cancelled check as their receipt. People should write their checks payable to Lord of Life and give the money directly to you. When you turn those gifts over to me, please put them in an envelope with your name on the outside of the envelope.

If people want to use their gift as a tax deduction, please remind them that your name cannot appear anywhere on the check.

If you are paying for your own trip and you are a member of Lord of Life, you will receive your tax letter at the end of the year on your contribution statement.

If you are paying for your own trip and are not a member of Lord of Life, we will provide a tax letter to you as long as your payment is \$250.00 or more. If you make payments less than \$250.00 simply use your cancelled check as your record for a tax deduction.

When will the other money for the trip be due?

After your initial deposit of \$200.00 due with your registration no later than Jan 24, your second payment of \$700.00 will be due on Sunday, April 24 , 2013. The final balance of \$700.00 will be due Sunday, May 29, 2016. If you have any questions about the payment schedule, contact our team leader, Tyler Tollefson. His contact information is at the bottom of the FAQ. **Full payment must be received by May 29, 2016.**

What costs are included in my trip?

The money you pay to go on this trip (\$1600.00) covers the cost of flights, housing, meals in Haiti, ground transportation in Haiti, tips, translators, team shirt, insurance, and program fees.

What costs are not included in my trip?

We do not cover meals on travel days, personal checked baggage fees, flight changes, or souvenirs.

What happens to my money if I can't go on the trip?

- If you cancel at any time you lose your \$200.00 deposit.
- If you cancel on or after April 24, 2016 you are responsible for 50% of the cost of your trip (\$800.00), if no replacement is found.
- If you cancel on or after May 29, 2016, you are responsible for the full cost of your trip (\$2000.00), if no replacement is found.

Is there a limit to how many can go on the trip? We are limiting the size of the team to 28 people. We have 4 adults participating with 24 spots available to students. We would love for parents to participate. Priority goes to Collide students, however once students have indicated their participation, all remaining spots will be filled with parents or other adults.

Can people from outside of Lord of Life go with us to Haiti? Yes, if there are open spots. The trip is available to Lord of Life members first. Please direct non-members to our website, www.lordlife.com to download the registration and FAQ.

Where will we be staying?

Once in Haiti we will stay at Wahoo Bay Resort. It is located right on the beach, has a great pool, and the rooms are nice and comfortable. Feel free to check out their website at <http://wahoobaybeach.com/> . We are also looking into another resort incase Wahoo Bay is unavailable - Kaliko Beach Resort. It too is located on the beach and has a great pool, comfortable rooms. Feel free to check out their website at <http://kalikobeachclub.com/resort/>.

What about sleeping arrangements?

Each room has 2 double beds. The hotel provides linens and towels so there is no need to bring those things.

What do we eat while in Haiti?

We will eat breakfast and dinner at the hotel. They know how to cook for Americans. The food at the hotel is VERY good! They do have some local cuisine but also things you will find somewhat familiar. For example, they usually serve French fries, rice, fresh bread, eggs, fruit, etc. On the job site, the local women prepare a lunch for us and those working alongside us. The food is safe for us to eat. The cuisine is always local—fried plantains, goat, local vegetables, fish stew, etc. It is also very good. If you choose, you can pack things like beef jerky, peanut butter crackers, protein bars, etc. to tie you over until dinner. We have had very little trouble with people getting sick from the food, but it does sometimes happen.

What will the Mission Projects be like?

We have 3 main work areas in which people can serve.

- **VBS:** Each weekday morning (Tuesday - Friday) we will offer a VBS-type event for the school children. VBS includes the telling of a Bible story through skit as well as a craft to go along with the story. The afternoons are spent playing with the children on the school campus. They especially love to play soccer, basketball, volleyball, etc.
- **YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Each afternoon (Tuesday - Friday) students and adults will lead a Collide 'like' youth event for teens. This will include worship, eating a small snack, meal, and conversation on specific topics related to faith.
- **CHILDREN'S PROJECTS:** Kids love to play - so during the afternoon time students can paint nails, do hair, play games (soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, jumprope etc.)

What about luggage? We are limited to 2 suitcases per person. We ask that each participant reserve your checked suitcase for supplies. Your registration fee includes the cost of checking the supplies suitcase. If your second (personal) suitcase is too big to carry on, the cost of checking that bag (approx. \$40.00) will be your responsibility. Please note that we only pay the baggage fee to bring the supplies suitcase to Haiti. We do not cover the return cost. Because of that many on previous mission teams have purchased an extra suitcase at Goodwill or some other Thrift store. We will also get any that are donated to the church Giant Sale. The plan is that we leave those suitcases in Haiti for the church to use or sell.

What about the language barrier?

We utilize several translators to help us communicate. We love and value them a great deal! You should consider purchasing a Creole book or surfing the internet in order to learn some basic phrases.

Is there anything I should be collecting?

More details to come.

What else should I expect? Come expecting **God to do amazing things** in you and through you. Come expecting to **build relationships** with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our number one objective is to build relationships as we have the opportunity to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus to our Haitian friends. Come expecting to be **flexible**. No matter how much we plan, mission trips require flexibility and positive attitudes. We are making ourselves available for whatever God brings our way.

Important Dates to Remember:

- **January 24, 2016** - Registration Deadline
- **April 17, 2016** - Trivia Night Fundraiser
- **April 24, 2016** - \$700.00 payment due
- **May 29, 2016** - \$700 payment due
- **May 29, 2016** - Full payment for trip is due.
- **July 17, 2016** - Depart from KCI
- **July 25, 2016** - Return to KCI

Who should I contact if I have other questions?

There is no way we could answer every question on this FAQ, so feel free to contact Tyler Tollefson, the team leader if you want more details. His contact information is as follows:

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