



Work Team Leader Manual

Section 3- Haiti Cite Lumiere

ACTIVITIES OF THE TEAMS:

HarvestCall schedules many work teams to the Cite Lumiere location each year. These teams usually reside in the guest house on the MEBSH compound north of Cayes, Haiti. This section addresses activities and instructions specific to the Cite Lumiere location.

-MEBSH Construction

This ministry is one of support for the local Haitian church. As the Haitian churches outgrow their existing buildings or plant new churches in other areas, they need assistance in completing their church structures. After the Haitians have completed the foundation and walls for their church or church school, our department arranges for a group from the United States or Canada to raise the money and come with a team to help construct the roof. Because we minister in the construction department, the main activity of the group will be in building a church or school roof and constructing school desks and church pews. If the team desires to do another kind of ministry, we will work with them to coordinate these activities, perhaps with a different hosting ministry.

-Haiti Water Aid Well Drilling

This ministry is one of support for the well drilling activity in Haiti. Haitian nationals have been trained to manage and operate the well drilling operation. HarvestCall work teams assist this effort through maintenance and repair of equipment.

-SEED Ministries

This ministry teaches students from rural Haitian villages crop production methods to improve local food supply in their communities, as well as spiritual training to produce pastors and evangelists for preaching the gospel in remote locations. Several HarvestCall work teams visit the SEED campus each year to assist in repair and maintenance, and provide agricultural expertise and assistance to these efforts.

-Haiti Trade Schools

Haiti Trade Schools have been established in Port a Piment, Chantal, Cayes, Aquin, and Petit Trou to train Haitian tradesmen technical skills in construction, welding, electrical and plumbing, and carpentry. There are also classes in computer systems and sewing. Along with the technical training, the students are instructed in the gospel message through devotionals prior to their classroom and hands-on training. HarvestCall supports the trade schools with tools, construction assistance, and technical training supplements. Several work teams visit the trade schools annually.

-Simone Orphanage

This orphanage is supported by HarvestCall and the Francesville IN congregation. Work teams visit the orphanage to assist in construction and maintenance as well as provide spiritual support to the residents. Several work teams are scheduled annually to support the program.

EXPENSES FOR THE TEAM MEMBERS:

Airfare from their home area to Haiti and returning

Hospitality and Travel Fee-\$50 per person per day in Haiti. This covers all food, housing, and travel expenses once you arrive in Cayes. Most teams stay for 7 days/nights so the cost is usually \$350 US for hospitality and travel.

Bus to Cayes: Depending on the size of the team, the bus is \$400 or \$500 to charter, divided up by the number of members on the team. (If schedule permits, a motor coach makes the trip from Port au Prince to Cayes once per day, and the fee for this transportation is \$12-15 one way per person. Coordinate with in country missionary for scheduling if this is an option.)

Personal Spending Money: Bring small bills, nothing larger than \$20s and \$1 bills for tips, etc.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:

A passport is required to enter Haiti. This should be kept on your person, not in your check-on luggage. Check the expiration date to see that it is valid. Make a photocopy of your passport and keep it in another place separate from the original in case the original is lost.

MEDICAL PREPARATION:

The following immunizations and preventative medications are recommended for short term visitors to Haiti:

Tetanus: a booster shot is recommended every 5-10 years

Malaria: check with your doctor for this. It is recommended to begin taking this medication 1 week before coming and several weeks after leaving

Typhoid: primary immunization requires 2 shots, 4 weeks apart or a booster

Traveler's Diarrhea: Be careful what you eat, and drink only approved water.

Pepto-Bismo in high doses, 4T -4 times daily, can prevent or decrease the severity of diarrhea. Two tablets 4 times per day also works.

REQUIRED SIGNED RELEASE FORM:

Every team member is required to sign and give to their team leader the Apostolic Christian HarvestCall waiver form. These are to be given to the person meeting your team at the airport.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION INSURANCE:

Because Haiti has very limited and basic health care facilities, HarvestCall requires that each team member be covered with an insurance that will pay for emergency medical evacuation in case of a serious injury or accident. Your group leader will be provided with some information on options for this insurance. Regular insurance with your airline tickets does not normally provide this coverage.

EXPECTED CONDUCT WHILE IN HAITI:

When one is a guest in another country, it is very important to be sensitive and compliant as much as possible with the customs of that culture. The Haitian Christian churches are conservative and evangelical, and as we serve beside them as a team representing Christ's

love in action, our behavior and dress are important. For this reason, the following guidelines need to be faithfully observed:

1. No alcohol, tobacco, or drugs should be brought with you or used during your time here.
2. Physical demonstrations of affection should be avoided. Public demonstrations of this type are embarrassing to the Haitian Christians.
3. Attire for church attendance is important. Although our North American culture has tended to be increasingly casual in some ways, dressing nicely for church to show respect for God is very important to the Haitians. To be sensitive to their customs and show respect for God in their culture, we ask that the following guidelines be followed:
 - Men: casual slacks or nice jeans with a collared shirt.
 - Women: skirt and blouse or dress. The blouse or dress needs to have sleeves, at the least, cap sleeves.

WHAT TO BRING:

EVERYONE: Your own water bottle, Bible and devotion book, sunscreen-at least #15, mosquito repellent, flashlight, camera and film, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, towel, washcloth, sunglasses, personal snacks, medication as needed, spending money, earplugs-(your roommate may snore!) You may want to pack a modest swim suit, as there is usually an opportunity to take a refreshing dip in the ocean (This is optional).

MEN: Several pairs of pants and shirts, T-shirts, one “church” outfit, flip flops or sandals, shoes for work, cap or hat to protect from the sun, personal undergarments. (Usually laundry service is available during the trip.)

WOMEN: Skirts or culottes near knee length, blouses, T-shirts, one “church” outfit, flip flops or sandals for showering, shoes for work, sun hat or cap, cool sleepwear, personal undergarments, personal hygiene items, (Usually laundry service is available during the trip.)

Attachments:

Emergency Healthcare Information Form
Haiti Emergency Contacts
Haiti Team Member Signature Sheet
Ladies Packing Suggestions for Haiti
Responsibilities for Team Leaders
Team Member Info. Sheet
Team Roster Info. Sheet
Waiver and Release of Liability
HarvestCall Work Team Guidelines