

HAITI MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION FORM
September 8 - 15, 2009

Name as it will appear on passport:

Complete mailing address:

Home phone:

Mobile:

E-Mail:

Birthdate:

Special medical or dietary needs/concerns:

____ Member of a Charleston-Atlantic Presbyterian Church
(which church?)

____ Member of Presbyterian Student Association (PSA)

___I understand that travel in Haiti is not without risk even though all precautions will be taken to ensure my safety.

___I understand that a \$600 deposit is due by July 1st and an additional \$600 is due by August 1st. Once airline tickets are purchased, the cost of the ticket is non-refundable.

___I understand that I am responsible for the costs of my passport and immunizations.

___I agree to participate in all trip orientation and group building meetings if at all possible.

___I understand that I will at all times be expected to represent Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and its member churches through respectful and appropriate behavior while on the trip, with both fellow travelers and those who are our hosts in Haiti.

Signature of Traveler: _____

Please make a copy for yourself and return your registration form no later than July 1st to:

Deb Guess 2421 Ashley River Rd. Charleston, SC 29414

Questions: Call Deb at 843-442-1791 or dcguess@gmail.com

The trip is sponsored by the Global Missions committee of Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery.

You are invited to transform your life and your understanding of the Gospel via a week-long mission experience in

Haiti

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Join a diverse group of travelers who are interested in a unique kind of mission experience – one that will engage your mind and heart and soul. Through spiritual reflection, experience, dialogue and relationships, we will attempt to understand more about the people, culture, gifts, challenges, and amazing spirituality of our southern neighbors.

Registration Deadline: July 1, 2009
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP?

This trip to Haiti is really a *reverse mission trip*. Travelers will have an opportunity to spend time in a country and with people that have a great deal to **teach us** about faith, relationships, interdependence, and compassion. While in Haiti, we will learn about the country, culture, economics, and faith practices of its people. We will explore our responsibilities as fellow citizens of the planet, Christian brothers and sisters, and nearby neighbors of the Haitian people....and we will return home changed individuals with a story to tell. It is about a ministry of presence and openness rather than “fixing” things we don’t yet understand.

WHO CAN GO?

The trip is for members of the churches of Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery and students involved in the Presbyterian Student Association. The trip will be open to non-presbytery members if space is available.

WHAT IS THE COST?

- The **approximate cost of the trip will be \$1200 for members of Charleston-Atlantic Presbyterian Churches and \$1300 for non-presbytery travelers.**
- An initial non-refundable deposit of \$600 will be due July 1st, 2009 and another \$600 due August 1st.
- Travelers are responsible for the cost of passports, immunizations, and meals while traveling to and from Haiti.
- Please make **checks payable to Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery** and send to the attention of Deb Guess. Please mark all checks with the name of the traveler and Haiti trip payment on the memo line.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF TRAVELERS?

- Travelers are expected to attend a mandatory orientation session, dates to be announced.
- Travelers are expected to meet all deadlines for the trip preparations, including immunizations, securing passports, and deposits. **Passports need to be secured IMMEDIATELY!**
- All travelers are expected to participate fully in all aspects of the trip, including daily devotionals and group processing.

- After the trip, travelers will be expected to help plan and lead events that help interpret our experiences to our congregations and Presbytery.

WHAT WILL WE DO WHILE WE ARE IN HAITI?

- Our week in Haiti will be a full one. While there we will spend time in three different homes for children – St. Joseph’s in Port au Prince, Wings of Hope in Fermathe, and Trinity House in Jacmel. We will visit the mountain community of GwoJan .
- We will tour Port au Prince and visit several projects where Haitian people are involved in helping other Haitians.
- We will offer our hands for service at hospitals and clinics.
- We will visit the community where the Rural Cooperatives Women’s Micro-Finance Project is working.
- We will experience the Resurrection Dance theater performed by the children in the homes we visit and spend time getting to know many different Haitian people.
- We will discuss economics, history, and politics and learn more about how America and Haiti are connected in regards to these issues.
- We will take some Creole classes.
- We will worship, pray, listen to stories, and talk about our experiences.
- We will sleep on mattresses under the stars (optional) and take bucket baths (not optional). We will enjoy wonderful food and mangoes right off of the tree.
- We will experience first-hand both the over-whelming beauty and overwhelming poverty of Haiti and its people, and then together, we will try to make sense of it all.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE PART OF THIS LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE?

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