

Name of Mission Trip: Haiti Mission Trip—*A nine day, eight night excursion to make disciples of Christ in a small part of the world!*

Date of Mission Trip: May 2 – 10, 2012

Team Leader: Chuck Newman chucknewman@earthlink.net

What: (Purpose of the trip)

[Haiti](#) is known as one of the poorest countries in the world. In 2009, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) confirmed that Haiti is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, just behind Nicaragua. It's estimated that one in five Haitians are living in poverty, and all face serious daily challenges, spanning from religious disputes to the very real fight to simply survive. On January 12, 2010 a 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti, collapsing buildings in the capital, Port-au-Prince and surrounding cities. The earthquake caused more than two hundred thousand deaths, thousands of injuries, and left more than a million people homeless. Our United Methodist denomination has been heavily involved in mission in Haiti for decades, and has disaster relief personnel on the ground helping with the response in the aftermath of the quake. To see what our denomination is doing in Haiti right now through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), click [here](#). Our purpose is to make disciples, teach, and to remind that Jesus is with us always.

The team will work with the Methodist Church of Haiti in continued recovery efforts after the devastating earthquake.

Key Elements: (bullet points)

- Passport required
- Vaccinations recommended
- A heart for mission is essential—does God want you to go to Haiti?
- Projects are determined by the Methodist Church of Haiti. Priorities include community impact facilities such as churches, schools, clinics, family housing, etc.
- Construction, repair, and/or demolition of buildings
- Community activities may include VBS, ESL, health training, etc. There is a need for all types of missionaries—construction hands, teachers, preachers, musicians, and just plain old caring people.
- Worship with the Haiti Methodist community.
- Learn about the challenges and the beauty of the country and its people.

Who: Adults aged 18 and older. Team members may not have access to health services and should be in relatively good health. Maximum ten members on a team.

Where: Haiti. The exact site within the country will not be known until a few weeks prior to departure.

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Cost: Approximately \$1600. This will include air fare, in-country transportation, lodging, water, meals, and project supplies. It does not include vaccinations, passports, or incidental personal expenses. Team members are encouraged to seek support from friends and family who wish to contribute toward this important mission in support of the people of Haiti.

Vaccinations: Please visit the [Center for Disease Control & Prevention](#) for full vaccine information. Please discuss vaccine information with your physician or county health official. *All CDC recommended vaccinations and preventative malaria medications are required by our Mission Department for travel in Haiti.*

The vaccines may be obtained at several [Tarrant County Health Offices](#) and/or your personal health care provider.

Passport Information: Passports can be obtained [on-line](#) or [locally](#).

Questions: Any additional questions may be directed to the [Team Leader](#).

Team Schedule:

Date	Team Event/Preparation
Today	1) Contact Team Leader to obtain registration packet. 2) Order Passport if you don't already have one valid for 6 months beyond the trip. 3) Begin plan for obtaining required vaccinations (some require 6 months between doses)
Jan 10	Exploratory meeting, 7:00pm, Wesley Mission Center Room 121.
Feb 7	Registration Closed. Team meeting, 7:00pm, Wesley Mission Center Room 121. Registration packet and non-refundable deposit of \$800 due. This deposit is necessary in order to obtain air reservations.
Mar 6	Team training, 7:00pm, Wesley Mission Center Room 121. A team payment of \$350 per individual will be collected per UMCOR participation requirements.
April 3	Team training, 7:00pm, Wesley Mission Center Room 121 Final \$450 due.
April 17	Team training and preparation, 7:00pm, Wesley Mission Center Room 121
May 2	Team departs for Haiti
May 10	Team return from Haiti
TBD	Team reunion

[Photos from 2010 Haiti Mission Trip](#)

[Video from the 2011 Haiti Mission Trip](#)