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## **Mission Trip Planning Packet**

*How then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”*

*Romans 10:14-15*

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# **Trip Information**

**Departure Date:**

**Return Date:**

**Destination:** Ti-Lagon in Northwest Haiti

**Meeting Dates:**

**Meeting Place:**

**Meeting Time:**

**Point of Contact:** Jackie Brandon – 941-661-2422

**Airfare Per Person:**

**Trip Fee:**

**Purchase of Tickets:**

**Trip Fee Deadline:**

**Donations:**

## **Medical Information**

Prior to embarking on our mission, it is suggested that you check with your personal physician informing him you are going to Haiti.

The most common concerns your physician will cover are:

- Up to date tetanus shot
- Malaria
- Stomach problems
- Diarrhea
- Hepatitis

Your physician will have recommendations and preventative medicines available to cover the above. In some cases you may be able to go to your local Health Department to receive shots or medications, at a reduced cost, which have been prescribed by your doctor.

## **Missionary Insurance**

Insurance is available that will help cover your medical expenses and bring you back to the United States in the event you are injured and require medical help that is not available in Haiti. This insurance provides other benefits as well. This is not required; it is totally optional. Details can be found at: [www.missionarytravelassociation.com](http://www.missionarytravelassociation.com)

## **Passport**

Everyone going to Haiti must have a passport. It takes about sixty days to obtain it by mail or you can go to a local office to have it expedited. Your passport is good for ten years. If you do not have one, make sure you take the necessary steps to obtain one and do it far enough in advance so it will not prevent you from going on the trip. If you already have a passport, check the date of issue to make sure it will not expire within 6 months of the travel dates. Immigration will deny you entrance to and from Haiti if your passport expires within that time frame.

The name on your passport and the name on your airline ticket must match. Please indicate your name on the Personal Data Sheet (in this packet) as it appears on your passport, including your middle initial.

## **DO's and DO NOT's**

Through the many years of traveling to Haiti there have been many experiences that have taught us valuable lessons. The following list is not only a good tool to prepare for the trip, it is the discipline we must adopt and totally observe. You must recognize that you are representing the attributes of God, the compassion and love of Jesus Christ, and the principles and guidelines of Living Water Ministries.

You will want to reach out to these people in so many ways because your heart will be jolted when you encounter their needs. Living Water Ministries closely monitors the needs in each of the supported villages. We must carefully measure the assistance that is given to each village and to each need. There are some needs the Board of Directors elects to bypass based on the established By Laws and Guidelines. For this reason we must REQUIRE each Team Member to cooperate fully in the following manner:

1. Refer all cases of medical necessity that you encounter to the Team Leader whether that is for yourself or for one of the Haitians.
2. Refrain from showing favoritism to any one individual.
3. Refer all requests for any type of assistance that a Haitian brings to you to the Board of Directors by asking the requestor to submit a written request that will be given to the LWM Board.
4. Refrain from offering any type of financial help to the Haitians.
5. Refer any personal desire to adopt a Haitian individual for either short term or permanent assistance to the Team Leader.

Other helpful Do's and Do Not's are:

DO bring a glad heart and the joy of the Lord.

DO maintain a flexible attitude – there are no set times or schedules in Haiti.

DO pray daily before and during the trip for protection, right attitude and to be open for any service to the Lord.

DO smile often and interact with the people as it is an honor to them for you to visit their village.

DO be aware that you will be on display and the Haitian people will watch your every move.

DO bring your canteen everywhere.

DO drink sufficient Culligan water to stay hydrated.

- DO mark all your personal gear and bags before the trip.
- DO keep your passport, airline departure card, airline ticket and departure funds on your person at all times.
- DO pack all your belongings in plastic inside your suitcase to avoid any water damage on the journey.
- DO report to the group leader any sickness, discomfort or potential problems as soon as they arise.
- DO be aware of your physical limitations due to the climate and terrain.
- DO be careful handling medical luggage and Culligan water bottles.
- DO check with interpreters regarding protocol and local customs in interacting with the people.
- DO treat Haitian Pastors, interpreters and drivers with respect and include them in all activities and meetings.
- DO be aware that many will ask or beg for your personal belongings. Such as watches, jewelry, sunglasses, etc. Please handle with care.
- DO get ready for God to bless your socks off!!!
- DO NOT travel or go off alone at any time.
- DO NOT go barefoot at any time.
- DO NOT drink local water nor brush your teeth with it.
- DO NOT bring any items/keepsakes that you cannot afford to lose or have broken.
- DO NOT wear any clothing that does not represent modesty. Ladies must wear clothing that covers their chest, shoulders, and knees.
- DO NOT smoke as you will be looked upon as non-Christian.
- DO NOT bring any alcohol or liquor on the trip.
- DO NOT tease the Haitian people as they do not understand teasing. To them what you say and do is what you mean.

DO NOT pass out gifts or money randomly. Please check with your LW Representative about the way to discreetly give to the people.

DO NOT indicate in any manner that you will try to help a Haitian or that you will help them receive something. If you are not able to provide what you want to give to someone at that specific moment, you cannot make an offer to give them something.

DO NOT bring any type of weapon or knife.

DO NOT wear lots of jewelry or expensive clothing.

DO NOT bring radios or tape players. An MP3 is okay for personal use at night.

DO NOT over pack. Remember you have one suitcase to hold all your food, clothing and bedding.

DO NOT leave food left open in your suitcase for it will draw insects.

**Suggestions of things you might want to bring.**

**NOTE: All items within your bags must be placed in a zip lock bag**

**☐ Carry on bag**

- Bible
- Canteen (empty)
- Clothes for 8 days
- Journal
- Camera
- Bedding
- Eating utensils
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen – 3.5 oz

**☐ Fanny Pack**

- Passport
- Money
- Airline ticket
- Departure card
- Small flashlight
- Large handkerchief

**☐ Trip bag**

- Paper towels/napkins
- large garbage bags
- Batteries
- Candles & matches
- Small bottles of toiletries for yourself
- Sunscreen
- Personal medications
- Insect repellent
- Toilet paper
- Food/snacks

**☐ Food/Snack Suggestions**

**\*\* Bring enough that you can share with the Haitians traveling with us.**

- Instant oatmeal
- Pop tarts
- Instant coffee
- Trail mix
- Raisins
- Dried fruit
- Fruit cups
- Vacuum packed meat
- Peanut butter
- Fluff
- Jelly
- Pita bread or flour tortilla
- Crackers
- Crackers & cheese
- Cookies
- Candy bars
- Granola bars
- Beef jerky
- Macaroni & cheese
- Freeze dried food
- Honey

**☐ Clothing - Men**

- 1 Dress shirt and tie for church
- 1 Pair dress pants
- Jeans or work pants
- Casual shorts
- Underwear
- Athletic socks
- T-shirts



- Lightweight windbreaker/jacket
- Rain poncho
- Sweatshirt
- Swimming trunks
- Flip-flops for shower
- Walking boots/sneakers
- Comfortable shoes
- Towels

☐ **Toilet Items – Men**

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Razor
- Shaving cream
- Small mirror
- Hand wipes
- Aspirin
- Pepto Bismol or stomach medicine
- Q-tips
- Brush & comb
- rubbing alcohol

☐ **Clothing - Women**

- 1 Church Dress
- 1 pair Church shoes
- head covering for church (married women)
- Underwear
- Socks

- Work skirts (below the knee)
- Tops
- Shorts & t-shirts for bed
- Shorts and top for swimming
- Lightweight windbreaker/jacket
- Rain poncho
- Sweatshirt
- Flip-flops for shower
- Comfortable shoes
- Towels
- Wash clothes

☐ **Toilet Items – Women**

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Sanitary napkins or tampons
- Skin cream
- Lip gloss
- Small mirror
- Hand wipes
- Q-tips
- Brush & comb
- rubbing alcohol

**Packing Tips**

- ☐ Pack each set of clothes for the day in a zip lock bag

**Personal Data Sheet**  
Please Print

Trip Dates \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Trip \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Down payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Balance Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid in Full \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as shown on passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently under a doctor's care? Y / N

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Medication being taken \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this trip? \_\_\_\_\_

Church you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Christian Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Relative to Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (day time) \_\_\_\_\_ (night time)

Have you ever been on a mission trip? \_\_\_\_\_

Where \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

List any medical and/or dental skills \_\_\_\_\_

List any construction skills \_\_\_\_\_

List any musical instruments you can play \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for going \_\_\_\_\_

**Living Water Ministries of the Palm Beaches, Inc.**

**Mission Project: Haiti**

**Living Water Ministries of the Palm Beaches** appreciates your interest in the missionary project in Haiti. Should you choose to participate in this ministry; you will have to travel to remote and underdeveloped areas of the country of Haiti. Travel in these areas by whichever means does involve risks which are different from normal risks associated with travel in developed areas of the US.

**Living Water Ministries** cannot and does not guarantee the personal safety of the participants in this ministry.

I, the undersigned, have been advised of the inherent risks and the dangers of traveling into a third world country such as Haiti. These inherent risks and dangers include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Injury or loss of life
- (2) Damage to or loss of property
- (3) Lack of adequate medical care and facilities
- (4) Primitive roads, runway and other transportation related difficulties
- (5) Lack of adequate communication equipment and or facilities
- (6) Political unrest

I fully understand the risks involved in participating in this missionary trip to Haiti and accept full responsibility for same.

I further release all medical professional personnel from any claim whatsoever on account of first aid, treatment or service rendered or during my participation in the Christian missionary service trip to Haiti.

This release contains the entire agreement between the parties to this agreement and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Full Name

**STATEMENT OF RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

Release executed on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_, City of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_ referred to as releaser.

Parental Release (if necessary) by \_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Christian missionary service project in Haiti conducted by Living Water Ministries of the Palm Beaches, Inc., Releasor, for himself/herself and personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin, hereby releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue Living Water Ministries, its officers and members, and affiliated organizations, all for the purposes referred to as releases, from all liability to the releasor, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for all harass or damage, and any claim or damage therefore, on account of injury to the person or property of resulting in death of releasor, whether caused by the negligence of releasees or otherwise while the releasor is in Haiti serving, working or for any purpose participating in the missionary service project in Haiti.

Releasor hereby assumes full responsibility for and risk of bodily injury, death or property damage due to negligence of releasees or otherwise while in Haiti and/or while participating, serving, working or for any purpose participating in the missionary service project in Haiti.

Releasor expressly agrees that this release and waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Florida and that if any portion of the agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. Releasor, being of lawful age, in consideration of being permitted to participate in Christian missionary service project in Haiti, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, hereby release and forever discharge Living Water Ministries, its members, officers directors, representatives, affiliated associations their heirs, executors, administrators and other participants in the missionary project of and from any and every claim, demand, action, or right of action of whatsoever kind or nature, either in law or equity arising from or by reason of any bodily injury or personal injuries known or unknown, death and/or property damage resulting or to result from any accident which may occur as a result of participation in the Christian missionary project in Haiti or in any activities in connection with this project, whether by negligence or not.

Releasor further states and acknowledges that Living Water Ministries will not pay a ransom in the event he/she is taken hostage.

Releasor further states that he/she has carefully read the foregoing release and knows the contents of the release and signs this release as his/her free act.

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Full Name

Parental Release (if necessary) by \_\_\_\_\_

Print Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

In the event of an emergency please contact:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone