

Reaching Haiti 4 Christ Ministries Inc.

RH4CM Short-Term

Mission Trip

To

Port-Au-Prince/Bombardopolis, Haiti

Information & Application Package

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Mission Trip to Haiti

The following pages will help you in your visit to Haiti.

Why not see for yourself how God is using **RH4CM** in Haiti? Your trip to Haiti would be a blessing to the people and your life will be enriched from the experience. It is often possible for you to visit your sponsored child.

Planning Your Trip to Haiti

Dear Missionary:

This year *RH4CM* will conduct a *Health Fair program, Evangelistic meeting and Dry foods distribution to the hungry families and widows living in Bombardopolis, Haiti* one of the most neglected, abandoned and poorest cities of Haiti. It will be a great opportunity for each sponsor to see the beautiful child that he/she sponsors as well as ministering to the health condition of each child living in Bombardopolis, Haiti.

We at *RH4CM* are excited that you have chosen to invest your time, energy, and talents in a short-term trip to Haiti. We know that you will be a blessing to the people of Haiti. We also believe that God will use this adventure to impact your life in ways beyond what you can imagine.

If you haven't already started praying, begin now to pray daily for your upcoming trip. We encourage you to enlist others to pray for you as well. Satan is never happy when Christians take steps of faith, so we know that he will try to discourage you. But we are confident that God is the Great Encourager!

In this package you will find practical information for your trip, including a packing list, suggestions for preparation, policies and other helpful items. Please take time to familiarize yourself with this information.

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact us. We will be praying for you as you plan and prepare for your Haiti adventure!

General Information

PASSPORT - The Haitian authorities require that Americans entering Haiti have a passport. Previously, your birth certificate would suffice but this is no longer acceptable. **DO NOT** allow anyone to convince you that a passport is not needed. You will not be allowed into Haiti without one! Check with your post office for a passport application.

Immunizations- Everyone is encouraged to update their tetanus and influenza immunization. Normally, that is all that you will need. If you want you can also receive a gamma globulin (immune globulin) injection for Hepatitis prophylaxis as close to departure as possible. Hepatitis A and B vaccines, which provide long-term protection, are available through your physician or health department. (Hepatitis A replaces the need for a gamma globulin injection). Please consult your physician or local health department regarding these or any other recommended immunizations since these are subject to change over time. These are not required. Most people only update their tetanus shots, but please do whatever you feel is necessary.

PHYSICAL CONDITION and MEDICATIONS - It is recommended that a thorough physical examination as well as a dental checkup be obtained before departure. Also, medical identification (tags, bracelet, card, etc.) must be carried by all who have a chronic illness such as diabetes or heart condition. If you are on medications, take enough to last the entire trip. Please have a list of all medication, listing dosage and directions as well as a letter from your physician.

YOU SHOULD BE AWARE that the trip is at least moderately stressful and sometimes greatly so. Nonetheless, there is a place for anyone who feels led by God to go on one of our trips if he or she is in reasonably good health.

MEDICAL PERSONNEL - Anyone forming part of the medical staff (doctors, nurses, dental hygienists etc.) will need to provide a copy of each of the following:

- Medical License
- Drivers License
- Birth Certificate
- Any specialized license within their medical field

Age:

We ask that the person traveling be at least 15 years of age. Persons under this age must be accompanied by his or her parent.

Rules and Regulations

These rules and regulations will be discussed more in detail when you are in Haiti, and you will receive additional information your first night. The rules will be given just like if you were at a camp. Common sense will keep you from breaking these!

Clothing - Wear comfortable clothing. Whatever type of footwear you would normally use for hiking or walking long distances is the most appropriate. Rain gear, such as a plastic poncho that folds up compactly, can be a valuable asset.

Customs and Behavior - Haitian customs of dress and social behavior are very important to the Haitian people. For this reason, compliance with the following code is required:

1. Ladies will need to wear dresses, pants, skirts and blouses, or culottes. Shorts, sun dresses and slacks are permitted only after sundown and are restricted to the compound grounds.
2. Public display of affection between sexes is offensive to Haitians and is not permitted for married or single people.
3. Fellowship between sexes is restricted to public rooms and areas.

Devotions and Prayer - We will meet as a group every day for devotions. You can sign up to lead devotion or give a personal testimony once you are in Haiti! We will need song leaders as well! We hope this will be an opportunity for you to expand the talents that God has blessed you with.

Food and Water - While in Haiti it is best to eat only *food* prepared by our group. When eating in public places, avoid eating salads or fresh fruit, and eat only food that has been thoroughly cooked. Carry a small day pack containing personal items on any expedition that involves you being separated from the primary meal preparation area. It is suggested that you have in your pack such things as granola bars, dried fruit, etc. as emergency rations. *Note:* We suggest that you bring enough snack food in your carry-on as your evening meal during the bus or plane ride to Bombardopolis.

Laundry - Haitian women will provide laundry. This allows them to make a small living helping us out. This service is not included as part of our package. Laundry normally averages from \$3-\$6 depending on the size of the load.

Money - The amount of money you take will depend on your desire to buy souvenirs. Carry your passport in a money pack or fanny pack. Carry only essentials in your wallet or handbag: Drivers License and Hospital Card leave your credit cards at home! Traveler's checks may or may not be accepted in parts of Haiti. We recommend bringing

\$50 - \$100 in cash for souvenirs and emergency situations. (Money exchangers do not like accepting \$1 bills.)

Photography - Haiti and its people are very photogenic. There are countless beautiful scenes to photograph throughout Haiti and interesting shots of people to be taken. There are also opportunities to photograph scenes of poverty and despair but one must be careful. The Haitians are proud people and they are conscious of their living conditions. Often, they don't want to have their picture taken. Always ask permission when taking pictures of individuals. You defeat your purpose in going to Haiti by making people angry. *Let common sense be your guide.* Airport x-ray equipment may or may not damage your film. If you have concerns about your film, then have it hand-checked through the security gates, particularly if it is 1000 speed film.

Telephone- There will be a cell phone which can be used to contact your family in USA.

Special Items to pack:

Our best means of sending supplies to the Mission in Haiti is by the luggage allowance of airline passengers. The airline allows two 50-pound suitcases and one carry-on bag per person. We encourage you to bring one piece of luggage filled with your personal items and one piece filled with supplies for the Mission. Please check *RH4CM* need list in the back and what we need for the mission or contact our U.S. office for a current list of priority items needed in Haiti.

Trip Payment Schedule –

The average total trip price is \$975.00 excluding the tickets. NOTE: This price covers your round trip transportation from Port-Au-Prince to Bombardopolis and insurance. It also covers room and board, culligan water, food, and any transportation while in Haiti. **We will be in Haiti for (8) eight days.**

It would be helpful to us if the full amount could be sent with your application. If this is not possible, we need you assist us by following the schedule below:

- A \$350 deposit is required with the application to reserve your spot on the team.
- Your trip must be paid for one month before you leave on your trip.

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**Application
For Short Term Missions**

Anticipated Trip Date: _____ **Departure City:** _____

Name (as it appears on your passport): _____

Passport number: _____ **Expiration date:**

Date of Birth: Month ____ / ____ day / ____ (Year)

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:**

Home Phone: (____) _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Email address: _____

Gender: ____ Male ____ Female **Marital status:** _____

Home church: _____ **Occupation:** _____

Shirt size (S- M – L- XL- XXL): _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Relation:**

Phone number: _____

Check any Special Skills you have:

Auto repair___ Construction___ Cooking Medical___ Preaching___
Radio/Electrical___ Singing___ Other: _____

Teaching Skills:

Vacation Bible School___ Teaching in Primary School___
Health care___ Nutrition___ Other: _____

What is the main thing you wish to accomplish on this trip?

What is the main reason you wish to go on this trip?

GENERAL HEALTH INFORMATION

What is the general state of your health?

Do you have health related problems in the following areas?

___ Blood pressure ___ Heart ___ Lungs ___ Diabetes

If your Doctor requires you to take any medication on a regular basis, please explain what the medication is and why you are taking it:

Recent immunizations:

Are you able to sit or ride in a vehicle for long periods of time? ___Yes ___No

Are you able to walk long distances? __Yes __No **Do you tire easily?** __Yes __No

PERMISSION AND RELEASE FORM

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am willing, physically fit and sufficiently prepared to travel with and participate in a work project with the RH4CM Trip sponsors have my permission to take me to a doctor for medical treatment, hospitalization, or emergency surgery if the need should arise. Should it be necessary for me to return home prematurely (due to medical reasons or disciplinary action), I will assume total responsibility for any additional costs incurred.

I have read and agree to abide by the regulations and all the information on this application.

Your signature: _____

Date:

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

(If under 18)

Recommending minister: _____

Date: _____

(Please include title and name of congregation. A requirement for first time travelers is to obtain a recommendation from a minister from your congregation. Please include their name and the date they gave you permission to submit this form.)

The mission DOES NOT make any money on group trips to Haiti. If you decide not to go, you must let us know a month before your departure or you will be responsible for any and all penalties with airline tickets. Tickets are good up to one year if you decide not to go!

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Thank so much for choosing RH4CM as a Partner.