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Port au Prince, Haiti Earthquake Response

Team Packet

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PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI: TOUCHING ONE LIFE...ETERNALLY

Thank You...

Thank you for choosing to lead a team in response to this devastating earthquake. The epicenter of the magnitude 7.0 earthquake on January, 12, 2010 was ten miles from Port au Prince, the Haitian capital. Over 200,000 people were killed. Hundreds of thousands of homes were damaged or destroyed, as well as businesses, churches, and most of the infrastructure in the affected communities. Millions are now sleeping in the streets (literally). We are grateful that you have chosen to help!

Our Mission...

EFCA TouchGlobal Crisis Response and ReachGlobal are working in conjunction with the Haitian Free Church and other partners to show God's love and compassion through earthquake relief and recovery, for the purpose of outreach, evangelism, and church planting. Our plan is to be assisting Haiti rebuild (physically, emotionally, spiritually) for years to come, so what you accomplish will have long-term impact.

Hands and Feet...

Please plan to serve as God leads and be open to ministering to the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of those affected. If you emphasize to your group the importance of Jesus in *all* of the details and plans, they will have a much more enjoyable time. Waiting in line becomes a chance to share Jesus. Sitting through traffic becomes a quiet time. Living every moment as a conduit for Christ can be life changing in this fertile environment!

All the People of the World...

We serve all God's people...rich, poor, all colors, shapes, and sizes. Though sent to do work tasks, we are ultimately in a position to be Christ-like servants; a chance to be Jesus in the flesh to someone who perhaps has never met Him....someone who never gave thought to the need for a Savior in their life. *We are about the people, not the work.*

“That’s Just the Way I Like It!”

If there was one word that is crucial for all short term missions it would be *flexibility*. No one knows what God will bring your way or ask your team to do. Be ready for the unexpected by eliminating any preconceived expectations. In this ministry, when things don't go according to schedule or in the way that we think things should go, our adopted slogan is, “That’s just the way I like it!” It reminds us that God is in control and our plan is truly subpar to His. Your *success* in this ministry is measured by your *obedience* to God, and your willingness to let HIM set the agenda. A willing spirit and open mind will enable wonderful engagements between team members. Please consider using the “Release of Rights” contract (included in this packet) with your team to prepare them for a week of short term missions!

Join the Revival

Our hope and prayer is that after you leave Haiti, you will keep this experience in the forefront of your mind, bringing the idea that serving God's people can happen right in your own back yard! While here, we hope that God will ignite new ideas and passions in your heart and members of your team to return home with a desire to serve the Lord in new and meaningful ways!

Serving Him in constant awe,

EFCA TouchGlobal Crisis Response Staff

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EFCA Crisis Response
19380 N. 10th Street
Covington, LA 70433
(985) 893-0218

Please contact Katie Hooks, haititeams@efca.org with travel updates or any other team related issues.

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TEAM LEADER CHECKLIST

- Read this entire team packet and the related Haiti Facts and Travel Packet. Distribute team member packets to each team member on your team.
 - FAX your application to our office - 985-893-0175 FAX, and send a \$75 per person non-refundable deposit to secure your dates. Send one check for the entire team. (Please use **Deposit Payment Form** included in this packet.)
 - Schedule date 2 weeks from arrival for the required pre-trip team training sessions with onfield staff.
 - Obtain **REQUIRED** Emergency Travel Insurance for each team member and fill out **Verification of Overseas Medical Insurance Coverage form** in this packet, type it into the form and fax, scan or email it to haititeams@efca.org before you arrive. (This is a separate Word document).
 - Inform our Volunteer Coordinator if the size/makeup of your group changes.
 - All team members fill out **Team Skills Checklist**. Please fill out and email this form to haititeams@efca.org no later than 30 days before your arrival. The sooner the better!
 - Collect \$710 per person for the week you will be staying with us. Please send one check for the entire team **30 days prior** to arrival. (Please use **Balance Payment Form** included in this packet.) Make checks payable to 'EFCA', noting 'Church Name and Relief Team Deposit' in memo line.
 - Tetanus shots are required.** Ask all team members to make sure they are up to date with their tetanus shot. If they have not had one in the past 5 years, they need to get another. Consult with your physician about other recommended shots and medicines:
 - o Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)
 - o Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus (DPT)
 - o Polio
 - o Seasonal and H1N1 flu
 - o Varicella
 - o Hepatitis A
 - o Hepatitis B
 - o Typhoid
 - o Malaria Medication (**Chloroquine** is cheaper and works in Haiti)
- See <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/news-announcements/relief-workers-haiti.aspx> for the complete CDC recommendation.
- Passports are required! Make several copies of the information pages of your passport and health insurance card. Leave one at home with a contact; give one to team leader; give one to the TouchGlobal contact in Haiti. Pack one in luggage separate from original. Email one copy to haititeams@efca.org
 - Collect the "**Release of Rights**" contract if you choose from your team members. Feel free to use this in a pre-training meeting.
 - Sign AND scan or fax the **EFCA Waiver and Indemnity Agreement** included in this packet before you arrive to haititeams@efca.org . Team Members under 18 need signed parent permission.
 - Have all team members fill out **Volunteer Team Roster**, type it into the form and email it to haititeams@efca.org before you arrive. (This is a separate Word document).
 - Email back to haititeams@efca.org the following items no later than 30 days before your arrival
 - Final Team Roster
 - Men/women breakdown
 - Arrival and departure TIMES and dates
 - Flight information
 - Phone number and name of contact.

DETAILED TRIP INFORMATION Port au Prince, Haiti

POSSIBLE WORK TEAM ASSIGNMENTS: Crisis response activities may include:

- Construction of schools, churches, community homes, etc.
- Family Ministries
- Relational Ministry (ex. Teaching English)
- Community Ministry (Kid's Camp; sports; music; etc)
- Other needs as determined

Please fill out the **Team Skills Worksheet** and email it back to haititeams@efca.org at least **four** weeks before you arrive. We will use this to determine where best to fit your team into the ongoing ministry in Haiti.

TRIP COSTS

The total cost for the trip is \$785 plus airfare, and personal expenses. The cost is to be paid in two parts. A \$75 per person non-refundable deposit is required at the time of scheduling. The deposit will be applied to the total week fee.

The balance of the team payment, totaling \$710, should be sent 30 days prior to arrival. The trip cost has been set to sustain the volunteer response during the long term recovery, and includes lodging, 1 prepared hot meal per day (6 days), translators, drivers, ministry/construction supplies/materials, in-country transportation, pre-trip training materials/session, and to help sustain ongoing Crisis Response ministry needs.

Please send one check from your team payable to "TouchGlobal" (noting 'Haiti Team Deposit' or 'Haiti Balance Payment' and the name of your church in the memo line) to:

TouchGlobal
19380 N. 10th Street
Covington, LA 70433

For example:

A team of 10 people

Team deposit: 10 x \$75 = \$750

Team week cost due 4 weeks prior to arrival: 10 x \$710 = \$7100

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS: Teams will be housed in facilities provided by TouchGlobal and ministry partners. We recommend that you bring a twin sized fitted and loose sheet, as well as a pillow with a pillowcase. You will have access to a bunk bed, but because of limited space of our indoor facilities, it is possible that your housing will be in a bunk house outside. Housing is divided between a men's bunkhouse (or room) and a women's bunkhouse (or room), and we are not able to accommodate married couples sleeping together.

MEALS: The team fee covers 1 hot meal a day in-country from Saturday dinner through the following Friday dinner. Our cook has Sunday off, so Sunday dinner will need to be prepared by your team, so bring whatever ingredients you would like for your own Sunday supper (spaghetti, mac & cheese, etc.).

Food will be predominantly typical Haitian meals. (rice; beans; small amounts of various local meats; seasonally available local vegetables and fruit) and with some American meals Haitian style (like spaghetti or chicken dishes). We are unable to accommodate special dietary needs or preferences. The kitchen we have is small, and we will not be able to make kitchen space available for individuals to prepare their own meals. We have a Haitian cook for the evening team meal.

In Haiti you won't be able to visit a grocery or convenience store, **so plan ahead by bringing snacks with you to cover breakfasts and lunches.** You are encouraged to leave behind whatever you don't use for the next team. Suggested food items that work well:

- Breakfast cereal or instant oatmeal
- Pre-wrapped snacks, such as granola bars
- Your favorite candy or snacks
- Water bottle, to fill at the house each morning and carry with you all day
- tuna packets
- Sandwich Thins or Pita Bread or Wraps
- 4 boxes of Jiffy Corn Bread
- Crackers or cookies
- Dried fruit, nuts, trail mix
- Individual Packets of applesauce or fruit

For more information see packing list.

SHOWERS: There are two bathrooms inside with showers for groups to use. We also have three outside shower stalls. A well pumped by a generator supplies the house with cold water for bathing. (i.e. no hot water...unless you have connections to donate a solar power system with solar hot water heater!). Showers should be kept short because the water tank holds only 400 gallons, which doesn't go far for a house full of people. Get wet, turn off the water, soap up, and then rinse off. When the water runs out, the generator must be turned on to run the well pump to fill the tank again.

Be sure not to drink the well-water or even brush your teeth with it, unless it is from treated faucet. Bring along a few mirrors so that some team members can shave or comb their hair while others are in the bathroom.

You will need to bring your own towel and take it home

CHORES: Team members will be expected to take part in daily facility care chores, including washing dishes and turning off power and your own personal laundry, by hand in a bucket etc.

It is customary to have an outside grounds keeper and inside house help as well as a cook. Teams are not to be doing chores outside, or inside other than dishes as we have

hired locals to do that, and it will take from their pride and livelihood if you do not respect our request. Also, it is cultural that outside help stays outside of the house. Please respect the boundaries we have set.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: We recommend that you schedule your flights as a group and that you are all on the same flight. You may want to consider putting flights on one bill to ensure everyone getting on the same flight since that would ensure tickets are bought simultaneously. We ask that you schedule your team's flight between the hours 11am-3pm for arrival and departure.

Possible DAILY SCHEDULE (subject to change upon arrival)

6:30am	Breakfast on your own before you head out for the day.
7:00am	Team Devotions
8:00am-5:00pm	Ministry/Work Lunch on your own (bring lunch to job site)
5:00pm-6:30pm	Clean up/showers
6:30pm	Dinner
7:15- 8:15pm	Team debrief time
10:00pm	Lights out/SLEEP 😊

PASSPORT AND VISA: Do not lose your Green Card that they give you at customs when you enter Haiti, just stick it in your passport. U.S. citizens do not need a visa for a tourist stay of 90 days or less. If you stay in Haiti more than 90 days must pay a monthly fee to extend your visa for up to three additional months, for a total of six months. If you remain in Haiti over six months without obtaining a residence visa, you will have to pay a fine in order to leave.

To safeguard yourself, please make several copies of the information pages of your passport before leaving the United States. One copy should be given to the TouchGlobal missionaries with whom you will be working; another copy should be given to your team leader. You should have a copy safely packed in your luggage in a separate area from the passport itself. Leave one copy at home with a contact.

AIRPORT PROCEDURES:

On the plane you will be asked to fill out a landing card, or disembarkation card. In the space where you need to write your reason for being in the country, **please circle 'pleasure'**. Also, have with you on the airplane, for completing this card, the address in Haiti where you will be staying. You can use the following address:

16 Imprecine
Rue Petit Boucan
Gressier, Haiti
Tel #: 3645-1565

Have one cell phone with international capability to call our base in case of an emergency. Call 509 3645 1565. After collecting your luggage, proceed outside and wait at the end of the walkway in the shaded awning area and look for a person in a bright, lime green, TouchGlobal shirt. DO NOT LEAVE THE FENCED AREA AND STAY

TOGETHER WITH YOUR TEAM UNTIL WE FIND YOU! If the person meeting you is late, don't be alarmed, be patient and wait in the fenced area. Call our base if after waiting a while no one has come to pick you up.

Make sure you have your luggage claim check in hand as you de-plane. **Upon arrival in Haiti, locals may ask for your luggage in an effort to help you – in return for a tip. It is best to refuse their assistance and handle the claiming of your luggage by yourself. Be prepared for children approaching you, begging for a dollar. Likewise, you should refuse in order to avoid drawing a crowd or putting yourself at risk.**

GIFTS: (NOTE CAPS BECAUSE THIS IS SERIOUS) DO NOT GIVE ANYTHING TO ANY HAITIAN AT ANY TIME. GIVING TO PEOPLE ON THE STREET OR OTHERWISE, LITERALLY CAN PUT YOU AND YOUR TEAM AT SERIOUS PERSONAL RISK. THIS IS WITHOUT EXCEPTION (WE MEAN ANYTHING...EVEN CANDY TO KIDS)!!!!

THIS CAN ALSO DAMAGE MINISTRY AND LONG TERM RELATIONSHIPS.

IF YOU FEEL MOVED TO DO SOMETHING, GIVE THE RESOURCE TO ONE OF THE TOUCHGLOBAL STAFF AND ALLOW THEM TO WORK WITH LOCAL PARTNERS TO HELP (OR TO NOT HELP) AS MAY BE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS CAN RESULT IN US PUTTING YOU ON AN AIRPLANE HOME IMMEDIATELY. WE MEAN IT!!!!

LAUNDRY: Laundry facilities will not be available to team members. We will have a clothes line and bucket for hand washing. If you plan to do this, please bring your own laundry soap. **We suggest Method, because it is small and concentrated.**

TRAINING: About two weeks before your arrival our on-site staff will be in touch about a pre-trip information session. At this time a more detailed list of household and specific project needs will be given. Your team may want to plan on allocating some funds to help supply this list of things to bring. This session will give you more details on what the week will entail with our ongoing relational ministries and work projects. It will also give you a time to have any final questions answered before your arrival.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

LOCAL CURRENCY:

The currency of Haiti is Gourde, or Goud in Creole. Prices are referred to in Haitian dollars. One Haitian dollar = 5 Goudres. Current exchange is approximately 8 Haitian dollars = 1 US Dollar

US Dollar is also accepted in Haiti, but at unfavorable exchange rates. You won't have any need for exchanging money during your time. You will be able to use US dollars to buy souvenirs (paintings, wooden sculptures, pots and small jewelry).

<http://www.travelinghaiti.com/haitian-currency.asp> to see what the currency looks like.

CREDIT CARDS, CHECKS AND CASH:

You will have limited need for personal cash and limited opportunities to spend personal funds. When you arrive in Haiti it is best to do so with U.S. dollars **IN CASH**. \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills are the easiest to use and exchange.

When you exchange money, the money changer will examine it carefully to judge its authenticity, and to examine the condition of the bill. ***You will find it difficult if not impossible to exchange bills, regardless of their authenticity, if they are not in pristine condition. That means no torn edges, no tape, no missing pieces, no writing, and/or no stamp marks on them.*** We recommend bringing Series 2003 or later. Do not bring bills to Haiti that do not meet these conditions or you will be taking them back home with you unused. When you exchange your money, ask the money changer to give you small bills, as merchants may have a hard time giving you change for larger denominations. It would be best to have the aid of a trusted Haitian when exchanging money to make sure the transaction is handled correctly.

Traveler's checks are **difficult/impossible** to exchange. We do not use banks due to security risks. There really aren't cash machines either. You will have little/no need for personal cash. Very few places in Haiti will accept credit cards.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

IMMUNIZATIONS:

The best place to start inquiring about immunizations is your personal physician. There are no specific immunization *requirements* for entry into Haiti, however the following are recommended by the CDC

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) | <input type="checkbox"/> Varicella |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus (DPT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis A |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Polio | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal and H1N1 flu | <input type="checkbox"/> Typhoid |

See <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/news-announcements/relief-workers-haiti.aspx> for the complete CDC recommendation. Also check with your physician about medications for malaria. Tetnus must not be more than 5 years old.

GENERAL HEALTH:

You should drink only boiled or purified water during your stay in Haiti, even for things such as brushing your teeth; you should not eat from the street food vendors. Also avoid any fruit (no matter how clean looking) without permission from the local team leader. Cholera, Hepatitis-A, parasitic infections and Typhoid all exist in Haiti, but you should be able to avoid them if you take the proper precautions with food and drink.

Also be advised that heat and sunstroke are an issue in Haiti. Especially if you'll be on a work team through the mid-day hours, carry plenty of liquids and SPF 45+ sunscreen.

Wash hands regularly with soap and water and use hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes liberally.

LOCAL MEDICAL CARE:

Medical care is a problem in Haiti. Many hospitals were destroyed in the earthquake, and all hospitals are operating above capacity. Please take with you any prescription medicines and/or non-prescription medications that you commonly take. It is best to bring your prescription medicine in the original container, in you carry-on baggage. NEVER put prescription medication in checked baggage. Be sure to bring more than enough medication in case of an emergency or an unplanned extended stay.

There is a clinic with US trained nurses and a Haitian doctor near our base in Gressier in cases of emergency.

ILLNESSES:

***Please check with your team to see if there are any medical conditions that would be difficult to attend to in Haiti, if there is any question, please contact staff beforehand. (i.e. Bladder control or Heat related illness, Allergies)**

One observation regarding Haiti is the unavailability of toilets and toilet paper in many public places. Bring an ample amount of tissues with you on your journeys.

Simple sanitation measures are your basic defense against illness. Many diseases are transmitted by personal contact and through drinking water. You will not find sanitation standards comparable to the US. It is important that you follow the directions of your host to help you remain healthy while overseas. Your host missionary or church leader will know whether it is safe to drink the water or eat fresh fruits and vegetables.

It is possible, depending upon your team, that you'll have contact with children, possibly through a local orphanage. While encouraging you to interact with the children, please make sure that afterwards you wash well, as many of these children may have lice, colds, runny noses, etc.

If you contract diarrhea, sometimes accompanied by abdominal cramping, during your travels or shortly after your arrival, you have probably fallen prey to traveler's diarrhea. Do not be overly concerned, but do follow these suggestions:

- Hot tea, Gatorade or carbonated beverages can help replace lost fluids and salt. It is recommended that you bring powdered rehydration drinks, such as Gatorade, with you. It is wise to have some *Pepto-bismol* or *Imodium* with you in case symptoms occur while flying.
- If symptoms persist for more than one day, or if there is blood in the stool, seek the advice of a career missionary. The problem may be due to some type of parasite. However, whatever the cause, drink at least two quarts (8 glasses) of water and/or other fluids each day to avoid dehydration. You may also want to bring rehydration salts with you.
- Ask your doctor for a prescription for Cipro before coming. Start taking only after approval from a Career Missionary/nurse. Cipro is a course of antibiotic treatment which is taken for a number of days once you start, according to doctor's instructions. It's not a one-time dose, like Imodium.
- Over use of Imodium can also result in medical complications.

DAILY LIFE

TRANSPORTATION:

You will be riding in TG vehicles with our driver or TG staff. Also, be prepared to walk. Keep that in mind as you pack and plan your footwear. (Boots or good waterproof closed toe shoes. Flip Flops for in the house.)

It's a good practice to carry along a backpack when out and about in Haiti. Anything large will call attention and can prove bulky. But you'll want something large enough for several bottles of water, gloves, antiseptic gel, your Bible, notebook, toilet paper, copy of your passport etc.

Do not ride in any vehicle other than those of the mission, partners, or those that the mission staff would direct you too.

SAFETY:

As in any country in a time of crisis, Haiti is fairly unstable during these days. The government was devastated, and as this goes to press there is literally no functioning government. People are hungry, without shelter and there is a sense of desperation. And you are coming from the United States. Be smart...be careful.

Never leave the construction site or team ministry site alone and never without specific permission from the field representative. Be careful to have a translator always present. Haitian Creole is the spoken language and unless you speak it well take precautions whenever out in public. Don't be boisterous or make "scenes" in public. Be respectful and allow your translator to speak whenever possible.

You will need to always carry a copy of your passport for identification (we counsel your team leader to gather all the passports and have our local staff lock them in our safe for safekeeping during the duration of the trip). When out in public, please be careful in carrying any kind of passport. Make it a point of carrying some cash...but not too much. (a good rule of thumb is this: if I were to be pickpocketed while out today, what would the cost be to me in terms of time, headache, stress...)

Always be sure that the group you are with has a cell phone functioning in Haiti. Your hosts will provide each job site with a phone.

As noted before, DON'T GIVE ANYTHING AWAY TO HAITIANS. NO EXCEPTIONS. It can cause a huge security issue and/or hurt relationships, and damage long term ministry.

We have set a policy that no Haitians except those specifically authorized by our staff are allowed on the property, and especially in the house. NO EXCEPTIONS! This is for your/our safety!

Do not give your address or telephone number to anyone. This only will invite solicitation letters and, in some cases, collect phone calls from Haiti with requests for your money. The best way to help the people in Haiti is to give to an established ministry which is organized to help people on a widespread basis and is set up to handle individual crisis situations as they arise. If you have questions about a particular situation while in Haiti, talk with us or our Haitian partners for answers.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Internet - Internet access will be limited. Due to limited band width, team members will only have access to internet at our facilities in the evenings. Overall, we encourage team members to not bring computers. Team leaders, or a designee, will be granted limited use to the internet at the TG Mission base to post a blog or email a report home. Sorry, kids (old and young), this trip means no general use of facebook or web browsing for the duration of the days in country.

Emergency Calls From the Field - In the event of an emergency, the team leader or TouchGlobal field personnel will call the team member's emergency contact, in as timely a manner as possible, *after* the emergency has been dealt with.

Emergency Calls To the Field - Please read and understand this section *before* there is an emergency, and educate your home support team accordingly. If there is an emergency at home requiring contact with a team member or leader on the field:

1. Have a pen and paper to take notes, if necessary.
2. **During office hours**, please call:

Plan A - Dorinda Bogran at the TouchGlobal Crisis Response Office (9:00AM – 3:00PM Central, M-F): **985-893-0218**. Dorinda will help you get in touch with the Haiti group as quickly as possible. Give Dorinda the phone number where you can be reached, and someone from Haiti will return your call as soon as the message gets through.

Plan B - EFCA National Office (8AM – 4:30PM, Central, M-F) **800-745-2202**. Ask for Holly Fann, she will help you get in touch with the Haiti group as quickly as possible. Give Holly the phone number where you can be reached, and someone from Haiti will return your call as soon as the message gets through.

3. **Evening or weekend hours** – Please call **Mark Lewis'** cell: **717 439-3138**. If you don't reach him, LEAVE A DETAILED MESSAGE with the phone number where you can be reached, **and** email crisisresponse@efca.org . He will be able to contact people in Haiti, and get them to return your call.

4. The local missionaries WILL have local cell phones. They are not to be used by your team members but they are there in case of local emergencies (this is important for parents to know. Your team leader will be given at least 3 cell phone contacts for this purpose).

5. We strongly suggest that the team leader brings a cell phone with international roaming capability for all TEAM and US church matters. It's common for someone back home to need to make contact or for the church to want updates. Rather than burden the field leadership, please bring down a phone that your leader will carry for such eventualities.

Because of the language barrier in Haiti, it is best to make contact with the Haiti group through the TouchGlobal office. When the message gets through, and your call is returned from Haiti, you'll be talking with an English speaker; very likely it will be your party from the Haiti group. In the past, some people have abused the phone numbers of our emergency contacts. Please respect their families and their privacy by not using these numbers for non-emergency communication.

Since you will be in Haiti, please be sure to leave a copy of this information with a responsible family member and with your emergency contact.

Packages – There is no mail system here. So don't bother sending any. 😊

TIME DIFFERENCE:

Haiti is on Eastern Standard Time (EST), but they do not apply Daylight Saving Time.

WEATHER:

Haiti's climate varies because of its size and altitude differences.

The average temperature in Port-au-Prince it is 81°F (27°C). Spring and autumn are rainy, December through February, and June through August are dry. July is the driest summer month. The hurricane season lasts from June to October.

WHAT TO WEAR:

Dress is for warm weather. Bring light weight, light colored, and easily washable clothing. One or two casual dress outfits are suggested for church or visiting. Dressing as nicely as you can afford is important to Haitians. Skirts or dresses are appropriate for ladies at church. Women should cover their shoulders for church on

Sunday. Men should plan on a collared dress-shirt and dress pants for church. See the packing list for more suggestions.

Jeans are acceptable for men or women during work projects; however, they may be too heavy in the heat. Lightweight pants and/or shorts are preferable. You will be given a green TouchGlobal Crisis Response T-shirt, that can be worn when working off of the TG mission base. T-shirts should be plain, without flashy or questionable advertising. Men may wear sleeveless shirts when working on construction projects. Sleeveless dresses and blouses are suitable for ladies, but please do not wear spaghetti strap tank tops, or loose/low neck lines.

Socks and work boots/sturdy shoes are best for the rugged, unpredictable terrain. It is very dusty – or very muddy – depending on the season. Bring shoes that are good enough to prevent blisters and give you good support. It is not wise to wear sandals or open-toed shoes while working. Men and women may wear shorts and sandals at the ministry house. Bring flip-flops to wear in the shower.

When it comes to jewelry, the most conservative thing is to leave it at home. In addition to putting you at greater risk, it may be offensive to the people with whom you will be working in comparison to standard of living. At least only wear the most basic jewelry, such as simple wristwatches, simple wedding bands and small earrings. Haitian males do not wear earrings, so we ask that the men on your team do likewise. Haitian women only wear one set of earrings! Please remove all other earrings besides one set.

Bring along bandanas to keep the dust out of your hair, nose and mouths while traveling. They also come in handy for wetting to cool off your face and neck and wipe away sweat.

We represent Christ, so men, we expect you to be careful to wear shirts at all times, even around the base and when heading to/from showers. Ladies, we expect you to wear modest clothes, (ie no short shorts, loose tops, or halter/swimsuit like tops).

FACILITY:

We have rented a nice Haitian house for our staff base. Teams will stay in the house or in bunkhouses outside. There is no AC. There is electricity available. Expect rules conserving electric usage. **Very important: Electric current in Haiti is 120 volts.** This is the same as the U.S.A.

We have mosquito nets and air mattresses (or foam mattresses) set up on each bunk bed, but we ask that each team bring 1-2 air mattresses and 1-2 mosquito nets to replenish our stock as holes and normal wear and tear occur and need to be replaced.

Toilet paper does not get flushed down the toilet due to the fragile septic system; instead it is placed into a wastebasket beside the toilet. Ladies, used sanitary items should be wrapped well. Men, there is an outside bio-compost urinal. We don't flush

for yellow for inside toilets. Training on outside compost toilets will be given once you arrive.

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

Plan to pack all your belongings in one suitcase or backpack and one carry-on bag (a small backpack works well as a carry-on). Bring clothes you can part with, as laundry conditions may not be as good as at home or may not be available. Carry one change of clothes in your carry-on, just in case you and your bags travel separately. Remember: **PACK AS LIGHTLY AS POSSIBLE, AS YOU WILL BE THE ONE CARRYING YOUR LUGGAGE.**

- Small travel sizes of toiletries, i.e. shampoo, toothpaste will pack better. Pack bottles of liquids in zip-lock bags.
- Electrical appliances will need plugs that are designed for 120v (personal electronics are discouraged and please no hairdryers!)
- Bring along any medicine that you may need.
- You may want to coordinate first aid supplies i.e.: cold medicine, aspirin, Band-Aids, etc. with other team members

CLOTHES: (general guideline)

Men

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| <input type="checkbox"/> casual or polo-shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> casual pants for Sundays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> short sleeved dress shirt (for Sunday) | <input type="checkbox"/> work clothes/T-shirts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> jeans/light weight travel pants/shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> one light weight long sleeve shirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> modest shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat to protect you from the sun |

Women

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> cotton tops or T-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> skirts(2) and/or a casual dress that covers shoulders for Sundays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> light-weight long sleeved shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> long light weight shorts quick dry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat to protect you from the sun | <input type="checkbox"/> shorts (knee-length/Bermuda) |

Everyone

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> shower flip flops | <input type="checkbox"/> pair of work shoes (comfortable for walking/working) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> p.j.'s | <input type="checkbox"/> dress shoes for Sunday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Bandana (highly recommended) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Light weight sweater or jacket (in winter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> blanket (if winter or get cold easily) | |

TOILETRIES:

- soap
- washcloth
- shampoo
- toothbrush & toothpaste
- razor & shaving cream
- comb or brush
- deodorant
- packets of tissue
- personal hygiene necessities
- hand and bath towels

FIRST AID

- Dramamine
- 'Itch-stick' and anti-itch cream!**
- diarrhea medicine
- personal prescriptions
- sleeping aid
- Large bottles of hand sanitizer

MISCELLANEOUS:

- wide mouthed water bottle
- sunscreen

- ___ flashlight
- ___ Insect repellent with DEET
- ___ camera/memory card
- ___ Bible, pen & journal
- ___ spending money (US \$\$ bills in good condition in \$20 or less increments, not too much needed)
- ___ photos of family & scenery of USA

- ___ alarm clock
- ___ sunglasses
- ___ **twin-sized fitted and flat sheet & pillow**
- ___ small battery-operated fan(optional)
- ___ If you are part of an OEC (Outreach English Camp)- English curriculum and teaching materials.

Team Packing

It is suggested that you bring the food in a 18 gallon Rubbermaid Roughneck Storage tote.

http://www.target.com/Rubbermaid-Roughneck-Storage-Tote-Green/dp/B003UA7CSK/ref=sc_qi_detailbutton . They are very helpful to keep the food fresh and bug free. We suggest that you leave for future teams. Also if your could bring 2 Sterilite 15 qt storage tote, these are also helpful for food storage.

- *One pack of 24 roll toilet paper
- *4 rolls of paper towels
- *One pack of Handy Wipes
- *Method Laundry Detergent
- *One package of Ziploc One-Gallon Storage Bags
- *One package of Ziploc One – Quart Storage Bags
- *One bottle of Hand Soap
- *One bottle of Hand Sanitizer

DOCUMENTS:

- ___ passport (have several copies packed separately)
- ___ important telephone numbers & addresses
- ___ address of where you will be staying - Put this in your carry-on, you will need it on the airplane.

REMINDERS/SUGGESTIONS:

- If you have specific medical needs please bring your own medication in its original container. Make sure your team leader and Haiti staff knows. (also bring extra in case of emergency)
- Team members should coordinate packing items such as English games/props.
- Do not depend on the availability of electricity, soap, toilet tissue, feminine needs, or even indoor plumbing at every job site
- A small daypack is needed for carrying your personal items to the ministry site.
- Every piece of team luggage should be marked with identical, bright ribbon. This makes them easy to spot at luggage carousels. Bring old luggage as it gets damaged.
- Ask your friends if you can borrow items you will need only for this trip. Try not to spend money for things you will use only this one time.
- Packing some items in Tupperware and sealable plastic bags that you can leave behind with permanent staff missionaries would be appreciated.
- Bring laundry detergent packets if you plan on washing clothes (bring a couple extra to leave)
- Do not bring candy or toys for kids unless specifically requested.
- Do not bring jewelry or make-up.
- Do not bring a blow-dryer or flat-iron
- **For each team** bring 1-2 air mattress and 1-2 mosquito nets



EFCA WAIVER AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I hereby agree to the following provisions: (a) waiving all liability as against the Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA), its officers and directors, and all employees, volunteers, agents, and departments of the EFCA including but not limited to EFCA - Office of the President, EFCA - ReachGlobal, EFCA TouchGlobal, EFCA ReachNational, EFCA - Pastoral Ministries, EFCA Accounting & Finance, EFCA Ministry Advancement, EFCA Foundation, etc. (collectively, the "EFCA Ministries and Personnel"), and (b) indemnifying and holding harmless the EFCA Ministries and Personnel under the circumstances described below:

1. I have applied for and been accepted by EFCA ReachGlobal to participate as a volunteer in a Christian missionary and humanitarian Venture in partnership with the TouchGlobal Ministries of the EFCA.

2. I represent to the EFCA that I have undertaken all necessary preparations in order to participate in the Venture, including any physical examination or medical assessment that I deem necessary and obtaining all immunizations that are required or that I desire. I further represent to the EFCA that I am healthy, in good physical condition, and able to undertake this Venture safely.

3. I have been informed and acknowledge that this Venture may involve substantial risks to my health and safety as well as the safety of my property and personal belongings. These risks include, but are not limited to, risks inherent to international travel such as accident, delay, diversion, lost or stolen luggage and personal belongings. These risks also include, but are not limited to, such things as illness, injury, animal attack, severe weather, civil or political unrest, war, criminal activity and terrorism.

4. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEITHER EFCA-REACHGLOBAL NOR THE TOUCHGLOBAL MINISTRIES OF THE EFCA NOR THE EFCA HAS ANY INSURANCE THAT WOULD COVER ANY INJURIES OR LOSSES THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS VENTURE.

5. I hereby agree to waive and hold the EFCA Ministries and Personnel absolutely harmless from any liability or legal responsibility of any kind whatsoever under the laws of the United States of America, the laws of the State of Minnesota or any other State, or the laws of any other country that may be alleged to apply, for any and all injury or loss that I sustain by way of bodily injury, illness, death, loss of property or otherwise that occurs during or in connection with this Venture from all risks that arise therefrom, including, but not limited to, those risks specifically mentioned herein. I understand that by signing this agreement that I will not be able to recover any monetary compensation whatsoever from EFCA Ministries and Personnel by way of suit or settlement for injuries or losses that are described herein. I also agree that, in the event any claim, suit or other proceeding is brought against EFCA Ministries and Personnel seeking to recover damages for any such injuries, I will indemnify and hold the EFCA absolutely harmless for all costs and expenses incurred in defense of such a suit.

6. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold the EFCA Ministries and Personnel absolutely harmless from any liability or loss whatsoever arising out of my participation in this Venture, including any actions on my part which are alleged to create a liability to any third person, including other participants in the Venture.

7. To the extent any portion of this Agreement is deemed invalid or in violation of public policy or law, by final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Volunteer Name Printed _____ **Date** _____

Volunteer Signature (Parent Signature if under 18) _____

Church Name, City, & State _____

RELEASE OF RIGHTS

We live in a world that is full of rights. Our particular culture is one where we take pride in our rights. As a matter of fact, the rights of individuals are constitutional but as we see the demanding of individual rights increase, we see much of the moral fiber of our society decrease. Our Lord Jesus Christ laid down his rights and all His glory, to the heavens, to become a man and to serve, not to be served. (Phil 2:5-11 and Mark 10:45)

We ask you to consider laying down your rights on this mission trip. Not to lay them down for better or for worse, but to entrust them to the Lord or transfer the responsibility of them to a place of safe keeping. These rights may seem reasonable but on a short term mission trip they could cause dissension. **Would you take time to search your heart and willingness to surrender your rights to the Lord?**

Romans 12:1

I GIVE UP MY RIGHT TO:

A comfortable bed
Having three meals a day
Having familiar food
Dressing fashionably
Seeing results.
Control of myself
Control of others
Control of circumstances
Having pleasant circumstances
Making decisions
Taking up offense
Being successful
Being understood
Being heard
Being right

I ENTRUST TO GOD:

My strength and endurance
My health and strength
My likes and dislikes of food
My security in Him
His purposes and fruit in His timing
My need for His Spirit control
His workmanship in others
My circumstances to His purposes in making me Christ-like
The privilege of suffering for His sake
His sovereign hand on my life
My deepest needs
My security in His love
My reputation
My need for recognition
My need for His righteousness
My strength and endurance

I give God permission to do anything He wishes to me, with me, in me, or through me that would glorify Him.

_____ (signed)

_____ (date)

Volunteer Team Roster

Arrival/Departure _____ / _____

Church/Org Name

City, ST

Name	_____
Address	_____ _____
Emergency Contact and #	_____ _____
Phone (H)	_____
Phone (M)	_____
E-Mail	_____
Over 18	Yes or No; If No age _____
Shirt Size	S M L XL 2XL

Name	_____
Address	_____ _____
Emergency Contact and #	_____ _____
Phone (H)	_____
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E-Mail	_____
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COVINGTON, LA 70433**



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Crisis Response

**PORT-AU-PRINCE RESPONSE DEPOSIT
PAYMENT FORM**

(Please include with payment. Do not staple.)

Church/Organization: _____

Trip Dates (arriving/ departing): _____/_____

Team Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

DEPOSIT: _____ people x \$75 = **Total Enclosed \$** _____

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Crisis Response

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI RESPONSE TEAM
BALANCE PAYMENT
PAYMENT FORM**

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Church/Organization: _____

Trip Dates (arriving/ departing): _____/_____

Team Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

BALANCE PAYMENT:

_____ people x \$710 (\$785 if deposit not previously paid) = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____
