

Isle of Hope UMC
Haiti Mission Trip
May 12-19, 2012

Please read the following information carefully and prayerfully. If, after doing so, you would like to be a part of the mission team to Haiti, **please complete, sign and return the attached permission form, as well as a copy of your passport and a deposit of \$100.00.** This is our way of knowing that you are making a commitment. The deposit will be refunded if you are not able to be a part of the team.

We will fly into Port au Prince and then travel by bus for several hours to Bayonnais, Haiti, which is about 20 miles from Gonaives in northern Haiti. We will be serving with OFCB, the Organization of the Christian Force of Bayonnais (www.ofcbministries.org). OFCB Ministries seeks to meet the spiritual as well as physical needs of the people of Haiti. OFCB has a church and a school with over 1800 students from K-13th grade. At the school, the students receive a nutritious meal, education and God's Word. Hopefully, our presence will provide some encouragement that they have not been forgotten and undergird them with God's love.

- We will have a meeting for everyone who is interested in going to Haiti on Thursday, April 5th at 5:30 PM. This will give us an opportunity to discuss details of the trip and answer any questions you may have. Please make every effort to attend.
- We will be tea
- You will need a current passport that does not expire within 6 months of our departure date.
- All routine immunizations need to be up to date, including tetanus. You should also receive the typhoid vaccine as well as Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B. All immunizations can be administered by the Health Department. They will provide you with a Certificate of International Vaccination that may be necessary to enter Haiti. **Please do not delay in getting your shots so that you will be adequately immunized before you enter Haiti.** Oral anti-malarial drugs are also required – please discuss this with your physician.
- We will be staying in a guest house on the OFCB property. There are 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms for our use. OFCB will also provide us with all of our meals and *bottled water*. We cannot drink the water in Haiti, and we should *only eat the food provided for us at the OFCB guest house*.
- Electricity is provided by solar power and is a luxury, so we are asked to use it sparingly-that means no hair dryers or other unnecessary electrical items. If we use up the power, then we will not have fans to provide us with cool air!
- The temperature in Haiti is hot! Please dress appropriately but discretely. We will attend worship on Sunday, so please plan to bring a dress or skirt for the women and long pants for the men.
- Cell phone coverage is questionable; however, solar powered computers are available which will provide an opportunity for communication back home.

- The total cost of the trip based on current airfare will be between \$1000-1200 per person. **The church is asking each team member to pay \$800 per person towards the cost of the trip. This is due no later than April 5th so that we can book the flights.** We may need to do some fundraising to cover the additional cost of the trip. We would encourage each of you to write letters asking for support from family and friends.
- We have some scholarship money available, so please let us know ASAP if you would like assistance with the cost of the trip.
- We will book our flights once we have our team in place.
- Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on April 5th. Please let us know if you will not be able to attend.

Yours in Christ,
Mackay and Julie