

HAITI TRIP ESSENTIALS

<http://www.rmni.org/shortterm/Haiti.asp>

PURPOSES OF THE TRIP:

- (1) To partner with Haitian churches to identify needs in Haiti, and to network among American Christians in attempting, as servants, to meet those needs
- (2) To encourage racial reconciliation within multi-ethnic teams serving Christ together
- (3) To make arrangements needed for Christians to exercise their gifts, while serving Christ
- (4) To encourage career missions, particularly among African Americans, as a result of a short-term experience
- (5) To mobilize the African American church for global mission

WHAT RMN PROVIDES:

- (1) We will attempt to match individual interests and abilities to ministry opportunities in Haiti.
- (2) Training resources
- (3) The services of effective Haitian Christian coordinators and translators (French and Creole are the national languages).
- (4) Fund transfers
- (5) Communication links with the field
- (6) Consulting on international travel resources and requirements
- (7) Discounted international and connecting air travel on quality airlines

COSTS:

- (1) \$2,500 per person, which *includes*:
 - a. Roundtrip air travel from Atlanta, GA
 - b. All in-country meals, lodging, and ground transportation.
 - c. Funds to pay for your specific ministry (conference costs, for example)
 - d. Trip insurance (please ask for details of coverage)
- (2) The fee *excludes*:
 - a. Outfitting costs, immunizations and medical expenses, passport, meals to and from Atlanta and layover expenses (including meals), if any, en route to the destination country
 - b. Visa cost (\$25, available upon arrival in Port-au-Prince).
 - c. Discretionary funds for personal use—souvenirs, gifts, emergency funds, sightseeing, etc.

SCHEDULING:

- (1) The greater the time interval before your decision to participate and your departure date, the better. Time is needed to make numerous field arrangements, to obtain a passport (allow *2 months*), get immunizations, and especially to obtain financial support. With churches, months are often required before support is obtained.
- (2) Allow *1 month* to obtain immunizations, a doctor's checkup and needed medicines.
- (3) Plan to make a \$500.00 deposit upon acceptance, \$1,000.00 *two months* before, and the balance 36 days before leaving. **Checks in support of the mission trip should be made payable to RMN and sent to POB 2537, Chattanooga TN 37409-0537.** When sending funds, please be explicit as to the purpose of the funds (do not designate the recipient *on* the check—please use a separate note). Such gifts are tax-deductible. If your local church is willing, donors may donate to and be given a tax-deductible receipt by your church, and then the total forwarded on to RMN by your church treasurer, according to the time schedule above.
- (4) Regrettably, tickets can only be issued after funds have been raised. Any cancellation fees incurred by RMNI will be passed along to the one canceling.

QUESTIONS?

They may be directed to:

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