

Haiti

Short-term Mission Team “Getting Started” Guide



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**OUR SINGULAR PURPOSE
FOR GOING
DEVOTIONAL**

Mission of Grace International

- Mission of Grace is a Christian non profit organization located in Carries, Haiti. Mission of Grace was founded in September 2009 by Linotte (Lynn) Joseph and her husband Rev. Jean Joseph. Lynn and Rev. Joseph's heart was to reach the people of Carries through love and compassion.
- Lynn started by opening up her home to mothers and children after a mudslide which took many lives. She welcomed more than 100 people into her yard and started to feed them bowls of spaghetti. After that she asked God how else she can serve this community which seemed to have no help and no aid.

Mission of Grace International

- **Ministries**

- Grace Community School
- Children of Grace Orphanage
- Grace Community Medical Clinic
- Grace Community Church
- Home of Grace Elderly Home
- Young Girls Home
- Young Men's Transition Center

CARRIES RECOVERY

- Partner: Mission for Grace International, Intl
- Location: Carries located about 29 miles NW of Port-au-Prince in the tourist district of 'Cote des Arcadins'
- A community of 500 – 700 families
- 37 Homes destroyed in August 29, 2015 Mudslide
- 500 people displaced
- Ocean View Hotel and Missions for Grace are providing daily assistance
- 3-year plan to rebuild homes

CARRIES REBUILD

- Ultimately the project seeks to relocate the whole community to a environmentally safer area. A three-year recover and mitigation action plan includes the following:
 - **Build 37 new and safer homes**
 - **Insure training of at least 400 community members on different economic, social and environmental training topics**
 - **Develop a community development plan insuring the delocalization of the whole community**
 - **Re-localization of the whole Carries community o a safer area.**

PRICING

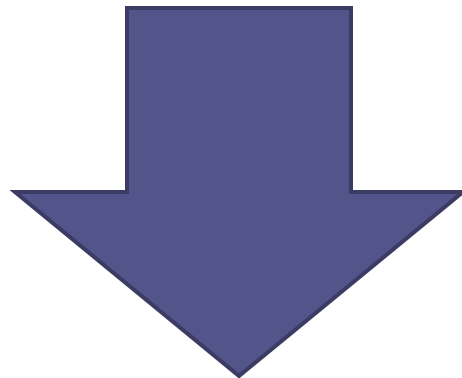
- \$2000 includes transportation, lodging, insurance, meals, and project funds.
- Includes a \$200 non-refundable registration fee.
- Snacks, sodas, passports and immunizations are not included in the price.
- All trip funds are due 45 days prior to the departure date.
- \$400 – 500 of this goes towards project cost and materials

GET REGISTERED

- Applications are submitted online at www.aabmc.org.
- Select the service opportunity and click on sign-up to register.
- Paper applications are available upon request from your team leader.

COMPLETE RELEASES

- Medical Release
- Pastoral Release
- Waiver



Anyone with the following health issues is encouraged not to travel to Haiti at this time. Release forms are part of the application process and each organization has one. Medical consent from your primary physician is required if you have any of the medical conditions listed below:

- All Cardiac (heart) related conditions
- History of, or have ever had seizures
- HIV positive or AIDS
- Hepatitis B or C
- You will have surgery of any kind six weeks prior to our date of departure for the campaign.
- Any kind of brain injury or surgery
- Anyone using Blood Thinners
- If you are a Diabetic
- You are currently being treated for an infection
- You have Leg blood clots or Phlebitis
- Anyone who may be pregnant
- Uncontrolled or poorly controlled hypertension
- Uncontrolled or poorly controlled angina/coronary artery disease
- Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus
- Moderate to severe asthma and poorly controlled mild asthma
- History of hospital admission for any condition less than two months prior to arrival in Haiti
- Anemia (Hemoglobin <12 mg% or Hematocrit <35%)
- Immune deficiencies requiring medications
- Unstable or poorly controlled gastrointestinal disorders
- Inadequately treated psychiatric disorders (i.e. depression, anxiety, PTSD, mania, obsessive-compulsive disorder, bipolar disorder)
- Major psychiatric disorders (i.e. schizophrenia)
- Inadequately treated seizure disorder (> 1 seizure/year)
- Severe obesity (BMI > 40)

FUNDRAISING

Sample Letter Template

Date _____

Dear <<Name>>

I am writing because I have an exciting opportunity to serve on a work ministry team going to <<City>>, Haiti, from <<Dates>>. My hope is that when you read about this trip and see the urgent need you will seriously consider supporting me financially and in prayer.

<<Tell your friends and family why you want to go on this trip, make it personal>>

Would you consider SENDING me? Here are two ways you can participate: First, you can commit to pray for me. I will keep you updated with e-mails, even from Haiti if possible, so you can pray specifically. Second, you can give financially to help cover the trip expenses. I need to raise <<\$Amount>>. Will you seriously pray and consider what you can do to help send me to Haiti? I would really appreciate it.

If you sense God leading you to support me financially, you can do that by sending me the enclosed response form along with a check made out to Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. It will be tax-deductible. You can also indicate your interest in being on my prayer team.

I am excited to see what the Lord will do as I surrender to him and follow his leading to Haiti. Thanks for considering how you might be a part of this ministry to the needs of the Haitian people.

Serving Our Great God,

<< Name >>

P.S. I hope to hear from you soon since I need to have most of my funds raised within just a few weeks. Thanks again.

Mission Trip Response Form

I would like to help you go on the mission trips to HAITI by:

_____ Praying for you as you go. Please, send me prayer dates via the email address listed below.

_____ Giving a tax-deductible donation toward the trip expenses. Enclosed is a check made out to Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention in the amount of \$_____.

Name _____ Email _____

Return to: <<Your Address Goes Here>> (e-mail: <<Put Your E-Mail Address Here>>)

PAYMENTS

- In order to track the amount of money you are receiving, have your donors send their checks made out to Lott Carey to you.
- You will in turn, send the donations:
 - Lott Carey Foreign Mission
 - c/o Haiti STM (include trip name)
 - 8201 Corporate Drive Suite 1245
 - Landover, Maryland 20785
- Donations made out to Lott Carey are tax deductible.
- Receipts will be sent directly to your donors.

PAYMENT COUPON

Payment Coupon

Service site	Haiti
<i>Service code and dates</i>	
<i>Participant's legal name</i>	

Cash attached	
<i>Checks attached(amounts)</i>	
<i>Total:</i>	

<u>Mail To:</u>
Lott Carey Foreign Mission
8201 Corporate Drive
Suite 1245
Landover, MD 20785

PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

- Check the **expiration date** of your passport. Ensure that the passport will not expire within six months before the return date from Haiti. If it is about to expire, renew your passport immediately:
http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/renew/renew_833.html
- If you **do not have a passport**, please order one as soon as possible. Go directly to a passport issuing post office. The post office normally requires an appointment, so give your local post office a call now. It normally takes 6 - 12 weeks to receive them by mail. Please start early, at times, the post office has seasonal backups.
http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds11/ds11_842.html.
- Check to make sure that you have **at least two blank pages** in your passport. If not you can order additional pages:
http://travel.state.gov/passport/fri/add/add_850.html
- **You may require visas for citizens from countries other than the U.S.**
- Once you have applied for a passport this is the link to find out the status of your application:
http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/status/status_2567.html
- For groups, please provide a copy of your passport to your team leader to send to Lott Carey.

AIRLINE TICKETS

- Lott Carey will make flight arrangements.
- The non-refundable \$200 deposit will go towards making group flight arrangements.
- Airlines charge between \$150 - \$200 fee for cancelations.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

- Medical travel insurance is included in the price of the trip. Lott Carey will purchase the insurance prior to your departure. Insurance cards will be distributed by your team leader prior to arrival in Haiti. Lott Carey uses Missionary Health as for missionary travel health insurance. Information about the benefits and cover can be found at:

<http://www.missionaryhealth.com/ipbro.htm>

VISAS

- U.S citizens do not require a visa to visit Haiti on a short-term trip.
- Upon application, if you do not hold a U.S. passport, please let your team leader know.

IMMUNIZATIONS

- Immunizations and malaria medicines are needed for Haiti. Check the Center for Disease Control website for immunization requirements and recommendations <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/Haiti.aspx>. Consult with your doctor if you have any questions.
- Here are a couple of helpful tips:
 - 1) check with your city or state health departments and even a large retail or grocery chains. You may be able to get many of the basic immunizations at no charge; and
 - 2) compare travel clinic prices since they compete for your business. Costs of the immunizations are over and above campaign costs.

HOW SHOULD I PACK

- The Haiti Travel Checklist with packing information is available online at:

<https://aabmc.org/sites/default/files/page/attachments/Travel%20Checklist%20-%20Haiti.pdf>

- Your church team leader will provide orientation to help you to prepare spiritually and to understand who else is going, what to expect, tentative schedule, and what to wear and etc.

SMART TRAVELER ENROLLMENT

- Lott Carey will register the team with the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program to let them know that you are a U.S. Citizen traveling abroad.
- If for some reason, U.S. Citizens need to be evacuated or notified prior to or during travel, you will want them to reach you.

CHECKLIST

- Register and Mail or PAY Online your **\$200 deposit** to Lott Carey using payment the coupon.
- Send out your **prayer and financial support** letters.
- Obtain valid **Passport**.
- Send **Medical release/Pastoral/Waivers** endorsement to Lott Carey Foreign Mission.
- Send **Copy of passport (picture and signature page) to:**
Lott Carey Foreign Mission
c/o (Put Team Name Here)
8201 Corporate Drive, Suite 1245
Landover, Maryland 20785
- Get **immunizations**:
- Second half of your support **money due** to Lott Carey 45 days prior to trip (no exceptions)
- Attend **Training** session(s)
- Get **Commissioned** by your Pastor for Service

If everything is done your are ready to depart for HAITI!!!

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Once your registration is completed:
 - Orientation & training will be conducted by your church team leader via conference call. .
 - Focus: Spiritual Preparation, Country Information, Travel Logistics and Travel Preparations.
 - Important Date(s) will be provided by Team Leader(s).

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