

Mission: Haiti



**August 2-9, 2011
TABARRE, HAITI**

Registration Deadline: March 13



MISSIONS TO HAITI

God is on mission! God sent His Son to save people, and then He sent His church to proclaim the good news to the world. As a church, one of our core values is “Adventure – A place to be involved in the task of reaching all nations.” We realize that we must be involved in the mission of God, not just in Eureka, but all over the world.

God has given us a great opportunity to send people on that adventure this summer. We are sending a team of people to Haiti the week of August 2-9. Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere and second lowest in the world. The residents of Haiti are descendants of former slaves who led a successful revolt against France. The people speak Creole, a form of French that has been mixed with Caribbean culture. Haiti has been a very difficult place with broken systems, broken culture, and broken people. But these conditions became drastically worse after the earthquake in January, 2010. With no infrastructure to initiate change or bring improvements, conditions in Haiti are much the same as they were the day after the quake.

A trip to Haiti will challenge you deeply as you care for orphans and people living in deep poverty. With this trip we will partner with Amer-Haitian Bon-Zami (which means Americans & Haitian friends). Carl & Carole Vorst are the leaders of this organization, they love Jesus and want to make an eternal impact in this broken country.

ANSWERS TO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Where exactly are we going?

Tabarre is a suburb of Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, located in the Caribbean between Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

Who is Amer-Haitian Bon Zami?

A Christian organization that is based here in St. Louis, with almost all of their board members living here. The ministry oversees three ventures. First, they run the House of Hope Orphanage, which cares for poor and abandoned girls in Haiti. Second, they have a Christian school called Patti School. The girls from the orphanage attend school there, but it is also open to other children from the area. The ministry also owns the House of Hope Clinic, which provides some medical care for children at the school and in the area.

The mission of AHBZ and HOH is to care for the orphaned and abandoned children of Haiti, preparing them to be well-rounded adults, physically, emotionally, and spiritually, who can provide for themselves and their impoverished nation and to establish a bond of friendship and understanding between Americans and Haitians.

The folks from AHBZ have also worked with a local pastor to plant a church on the grounds of House of Hope. We will attend this church and do some neighborhood ministry with the church.

What is the cost?

The trip will cost somewhere around \$1,000-\$1,200 depending on the cost of air-fare. Most of the expense is for the travel to and from Tabarre, but this cost also includes most of the meals, lodging, and transportation costs in country.

While this is a considerable expense, for an international trip, this is very economical. All payments for this trip will be made directly to Genesis Church, and for the most part are non-refundable (if tickets have been purchased and other expenses paid). Payments for the trip are considered charitable donations and will show up on giving statements for income taxes. We will also help people raise money if needed for the trip, so do not be scared away by the cost.

To register, people will need to turn in a \$200 deposit by March 13.

How can I come up with this money?

If you believe God is leading you on this trip, he will provide. We can help you with a plan to raise some funds for the trip. Friends, family, and spiritual mentors will be willing to help you go on an adventure like this. All contributions to this trip, including your payments are tax-deductible charitable contributions.

Why should I go on a trip like this?

There are a lot of answers, both biblically and practically, but here are three. First, it will change your life! Not much in the world will impact you the way doing missions in a third-world country will. Second, God will use you in a HUGE way. There is no way to explain the difference that can be made in people's lives when a team of people following Jesus come and invest their lives in Kingdom of God work. Third, going on a trip like this is part of fulfilling the commands of Jesus. Jesus told his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." When people go on a trip like this they are obeying Jesus and are participating in the mission of God by caring for the poor, sharing the Gospel with those who do not know Christ, and learning to love others as Christ loves us.

Who can go?

Any person in high school or above is welcome! Middle school students who want to participate either need a parent to join the adventure, or need to have a special meeting with Mike. Those who are under 18 will need their parent's permission, of course. This is an entry level trip. Participants do not need any certain skill set to go, other than a willingness to allow God to use them. The group will be trained for the project.

What if I want to consider going?

This trip to Haiti will be a great chance to go on a crazy adventure for Jesus. It will be a fantastic “get your feet wet” trip for those who have never been on an international trip, and will also be a great experience for people who would like to explore God's call on their lives. So here is what you should do. First, pray, and ask God if you should consider going on this trip. Second, pick up a packet and check out the ministry website. You can also visit their trip information page (<http://ahbz.org/workteams.php>).

How Do I register?

To register for the trip, you will need to turn in the attached forms along with a \$200 deposit by Sunday March 13. The forms include our health form, the Participant Information Form, and the Personal Health History form. Students who are under 18 years of age will need to have these forms signed by their parents and notarized.

Who is leading the trip?

Heidi Hubbard will be leading this team. Both have been to Haiti. Furthermore, House of Hope Director Carol Vorst will be traveling with the team to Haiti and staying with them for most of the week.

Where can I get more information?

The best place to find out more about the ministry of AHBZ, missions to Haiti, and other information about mission trips to this location is through the ministry website - **ahbz.org**. As you navigate their website, visit their “How You can Help” page. At this site you can learn more about travel to Haiti, find links to passport information, and learn about the necessary shots and health precautions for the trip. You can also find great information about the history, weather, and culture of Haiti in links from their website. And you can read about the ministry of the House of Hope, Patti School, and their medical clinic.

What will our group be doing?

We will do whatever the folks from HOH need, but here are some things we are planning

- ▶ Kids sports outreach
- ▶ Hang out with “grannies” who visit HOH
- ▶ Visit and serve people in a tent city
- ▶ Attend Haitian church
- ▶ Light construction and landscaping work
- ▶ Lots of time hanging out with HOH girls
- ▶ A trip to a Caribbean beach

WHAT TO BRING

Antibacterial hand wipes.

Bible, Journal, pens and pencils

Camera, film and extra batteries (put in your carry-on)

Clothing:

Ladies - Dresses, skirts, capri pants, and short sleeve tops are acceptable anywhere in Haiti. It is acceptable to wear shorts and sleeveless tops while working at HOH only.

Please do not wear tank tops or midriff-bearing tops during this trip. Undergarments should be covered by clothes. For travel to Haiti, please wear a dress, skirt, or pants.

For Church: Please wear a dress or skirt and blouse. Close-toed shoes are preferred.

Men – Long pants, shorts and comfortable shirts are appropriate to wear while in Haiti.

Long pants should be worn during travel to Haiti, and certain activities planned during the trip may require long pants. Appropriate t-shirts are fine for most activities. For

Church: Dress pants, a dress shirt, and tie. Comfortable dress-type shoes.

For everyone: Bring cool, comfortable sleepwear.

2-3 Water bottles (We refill them with purified water.)

Flashlight and extra batteries

Insect repellent – with DEET – no aerosol

Personal medications in original packaging (We have first-aid supplies on-hand.)

Passport, as well as a COPY of your passport to be given to your team leader.

Phone numbers of family and friends

Money for souvenirs (preferably \$1 bills). Carry money in a money belt.

Backpack or bag to carry “stuff” while on the field

Snacks you cannot do without (An assortment of snacks are provided.)

Sunglasses and sunscreen

Toilet articles - toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.

Towels and washcloths

Supplies for projects that are planned – to be determined.

Toilet paper – please bring 4 rolls.

Set of sheets and pillowcases – twin size.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Complete Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Past mission trips (where and when) _____

Your Interests and Hobbies _____

What type of activities would you like to participate in while you are in Haiti? Please check the areas where you have had interest or experience.

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| Preaching () | Teaching () | Bible Studies () | Singing () |
| VBS () | Crafts () | Cook () | Carpentry () |
| Painting () | Teaching () | Construction () | Electrical () |
| English () | | | |
| Mechanics () | Photography () | Video () | Plumbing () |

What are your main goals/objectives while on this work trip?

What special talents do you have ? _____

RELEASE

I, _____ do hereby release AMER-HAITIAN BON ZAMI, INC., its directors and all associated parties for any and all liability that may result to me personally or to my personal belongings, including but not limited to illness, injury, theft, damage, or harm that may occur as a direct result of, or incidental to work, association, or travels to the Haiti work field as a guest or worker, at any time in the past, present, or future.

Date _____

Signed _____

Witness _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

PERSONAL HEALTH HISTORY

Full name (as on passport) _____

Nickname/name you want to be called _____

Date of birth _____ Occupation/Student _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Home Church _____

Nearest relative _____

Relation to you _____ Phone number of relative _____

Allergies _____

Any medical problems? _____

Any emotional problems? _____

Currently under Doctors Care/for what? _____

List any medications you are now taking _____

Have you ever experienced any of the following medical problems?

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| Aids/HIV () | Heart Problems () | Diabetes () | Stroke () |
| TB () | Polio () | Tumors () | Asthma () |
| Allergies () | Liver Disease () | Seizures () | Bleeding () |
| Rheumatic fever () | | Frequent Infections () | Heat exhaustion () |
| Other () | | | |

Please explain if you checked any of the above.

Event: Haiti Mission Trip

Event Date: August 2-9

Personal Health History / Medical Release Form

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____ Telephone _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Check all items that apply, past or present, to your health history. Explain any "Yes" answers.

Allergies: Food, medicines, insects, plants Yes No Explain: _____

General Information:	Yes	No		Yes	No
Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Convulsions/seizures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cancer/leukemia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heart trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hemophilia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High blood pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kidney disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

List any medications to be taken: _____

List any physical or behavioral conditions that may affect or limit full participation in this event:

Is this youth free from any communicable disease? If no, please explain. _____

Are immunizations current? Yes No

Date of Last Tetanus Shot _____

Name of personal physician _____ Telephone _____

Name of Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone _____

In consideration for being accepted by the Genesis Church for participation in this activity, I, being 21 years of age or older, do for myself and/or on behalf of my youth-participant, do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless Genesis Church and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the youth-participant that occur while said youth is participating in the trip or activity.

Furthermore, I, do for myself and/or on behalf of my youth-participant, hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.

Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to said church to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging for this participant.

The undersigned further hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify said church, its directors, employees and agents, for any liability sustained by said church as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

The health history is correct so far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities, except as noted by me. I am entrusting the care of this person to the adults responsible for this activity. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by these adults to order x-rays, routine tests, and treatments for the health of my child, and in the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the adults responsible for this activity, to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for my child as named above. I also authorize said physician or any physician or hospital who has previously treated my child, to disclose any information thus acquired, if requested, to the Ballwin Baptist Church insurance carrier.

Should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, I hereby assume all transportation costs.

"Periodically, pictures of these events will be taken and used for scrapbooks or other publications. You must give written notice to Genesis Church if you do not want your or your child's picture included."

(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian)

(Date)