

Mission: Haiti



**July 24-31, 2018
TABARRE, HAITI**

Registration Deadline: Feb. 25, 2018
Information Meeting: Feb. 4
**EHS Commons right after morning
service**



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 July 24-31 (dates may change one or two days depending on airfare costs). Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere and second poorest 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. This event exposed the struggles in this nation to the world, and while the past few years have brought some infrastructure changes, things are still very broken in Haiti.

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 (AHBZ), 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.

What 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 mission of AHBZ and House of Hope 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. They support several ministries that care for the broken in the culture.

House of Hope Orphanage

House of Hope (HOH) is a children's home in the Port-au-Prince suburb of Tabarre as part of the work of Amer-Haitian Bon Zami (AHBZ), Inc. Formed in 1976 to help alleviate the suffering of children in Haiti, AHBZ is a cooperative work between the Haitian and U.S. staffs. "Bon Zami" means "good friends" in Haitian Creole.

Working toward these goals includes providing each child with food, shelter,

clothing, medical care, education, and spiritual guidance so they may become productive members of Haitian society. Every effort is directed at making House of Hope a home and a family, rather than an institution. In Haiti, boys come first and girls second. Because of this, House of Hope is a home for girls. The spiritual life of the children is important to their growth. They attend worship services each week and participate in daily devotions.

George Shinn Medical Clinic

Medical care is an urgent need for children in Haiti. The mission of the new clinic will be to care for families. Diseases that we routinely treat with medication and diet in the U.S. can be life threatening in a country with almost no affordable health care available. The clinic will provide immunizations for childhood diseases that are not available to them now. Polio still exists in Haiti.

Patti's School

A school for children from kindergarten through fifth grade, serving both the girls in the orphanage and children in the community. Our goal is to provide children with a positive learning environment, encouragement and lots of love to address the mission of the House of Hope.

The Pitch

The Pitch: Haiti is a soccer-based youth outreach program. The Pitch uses soccer training and teams to build relationships with kids, and leverages those relationships to serve the community, meet basic humanitarian needs, build vocational skills, and share the love of Christ. Using soccer as a cross-cultural tool, we are able to teach the importance of self-discipline, teamwork, personal health, and the Gospel. Our goal is simple: to provide a safe place for kids to play a game they love while showing them they are loved by God.

Granny Program

Even more forgotten than the children, are the elderly. Since the earthquake, the grannies' lives are even more difficult. On Thursdays, the grannies are given food, clothing, and hygiene items to help them with their hard lives. They do simple chores, such as sweeping, to help them feel involved.

Trade School

AHBZ has opened a trade school that helps women in the culture gain skills that can help them provide for themselves and their families.

Church Planting

The folks from AHBZ have also worked with a local pastor to plant Hope Christian Church on the grounds of House of Hope. They have also been involved in planting multiple churches in Port-Au-Prince and even in other areas. Genesis is sponsoring the Hope Christian Church in Mirebalais and we will get to visit this church on Sunday.

What is the cost?

The trip will cost somewhere around \$1,000-\$1,200, depending on the cost of airfare, plus a \$100 trip fee. 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, it 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 tax purposes. 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 \$250 deposit by Feb. 25.

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. 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.

There is limited space available, so this trip will be restricted to people who are part of the Genesis Family until the registration deadline. We are limited to no more than 18 people on the trip, so we will also receive registrations on a first-come basis until the trip is full.

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 **\$250 deposit by Sunday, Feb. 25**. We will not register you for the trip or purchase airline tickets without this deposit. 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.

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’s School, and their medical clinic.

Once our team is in place, Carl & Carole Vorst from AHBZ will meet with our group several times for training and preparation for the trip.

What Will Our Group Be Doing?

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

- ▶ Kids VBS outreach
- ▶ Hang out with “grannies” who visit HOH
- ▶ Community ministry with the church
- ▶ Attend Haitian church
- ▶ Light construction, clean-up, and landscaping work
- ▶ Lots of time hanging out with HOH girls
- ▶ Serve and play soccer with the Pitch
- ▶ A trip to a Caribbean beach

WHAT TO BRING

(You will get a complete list when we meet with AHBZ directors)

#1 - You will need a Passport

- ▶ 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
- ▶ Toiletry 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 (Extras donated to HOH)
- ▶ 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?

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.

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Event Date: July 24-31, 2018

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 Genesis 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 if under 18)

(Date)