



STUDENT
MINISTRIES

HAITI 2020



For Students Entering 10th Grade - Graduated Seniors
Trip Cost: \$1,900

July 20-27, 2020

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This trip offers an in-depth experience in a third world country, without extensive travel and time commitments. Experiences include delivering water in the slums of Cite Soleil, leading Bible lessons and spending time with orphanage children, comforting sick children, and ministering to the elderly. Through these opportunities, you will walk alongside the Haitians and make a real relational difference in their lives by sharing the hope and heartbeat of Jesus in a tangible way.

Space is limited to 15 spots per trip. Spots will fill quickly!

Application opens online at www.hosannalc.org/studentimpact on Sun, January 26, 2020.

\$200 deposit due at time of application.

*****Spots are filled based on the order applications are received, priority given to students regularly attending and registered for Hosanna High School Ministry. You will be notified once accepted or placed on a waiting list.***

About Haiti

- Haiti is the poorest country in the Americas and only 90 minutes from Miami, Florida by airplane. Poverty, corruption, and poor access to education for much of the population are among Haiti's most serious disadvantages.
- 69% (2012 est.) of Haitians live below the poverty line, making less than \$2 a day. The poor children of Haiti are sometimes fed dirt cookies, made of dirt and oil, then baked in the sun because their family cannot afford food.
- According to UNICEF, only 30% of Haitians have access to clean drinking water. Half of the people in Haiti do not know how to read or write.
- 1 in 8 children in Haiti will die before the age of five from treatable and/or curable diseases. Life expectancy at birth is 61 years for men and 64 years for women (2012 est.).
- Roughly 80% of Haitians are Roman Catholic.
- The capital city is Port-au-Prince. Haiti's total population is 10,317,000 (2013 est.).
- The official language is Creole, although children who are educated learn French in school.
- On January 12, 2010, a major earthquake killed over 230,000 people, leaving 1.5 million people homeless and living in tents.



Healing Haiti

God has called us into two of the most difficult areas of Haiti.

Titanyen (which means 'less than nothing') is one of the poorest rural villages in Haiti and is home to Grace Church and Grace Academy. Over 350 attend church each week and over 450 children attend Grace Academy.

Cite Soleil is one of the most underserved slums in Haiti and is home to Hope Church and School near Soleil #17. The church opened its doors in February of 2016 and Hope School opened in fall of 2016 serving 160 children. Our Adult Education programs serves 100's of adults from the surrounding community. It is our belief that the local church is the hope of the world. Therefore, planting churches where people can hear the life-giving Good News of Jesus has always been an important part of Healing Haiti's vision. Grace church in Titanyen, and Hope church in Cite Soleil, are two examples of God's grace and hope in Haiti. These churches are spiritual lights to hundreds in their surrounding communities, and offer opportunity to grow in faith and love.

Grace and Hope Churches are committed to consistent Biblical worship and spiritual education for adults and children. By educating the people on the Biblical importance of marriage and discipleship, and offering a place in which to live out these values help to strengthen the family unit and the fabric

of the community. Grace and Hope church are committed to ministries including weddings, adult literacy, evangelism, and intentional ministry to children in their communities.

We believe the message of God's grace and hope is having significant impact in Haiti, and we are excited to see how God will continue to grow His Kingdom through the local church in Haiti.

Mission Trip Experiences

Love the people God puts in our path. Let them speak into us and share their stories. Fall in love with them and this place called Haiti. We get so much more than what we give... and it changes us from the inside out. We go home much better people and wish we could stay a little longer. Haiti is beautiful and so are its people.

Healing Haiti offers life changing mission trips with purpose. Team members have the opportunity to live and share their faith and build strong Christ centered relationships. Our trips are consistent with our values of coming alongside our Haitian brothers and sisters, and not doing for them what they can do for themselves but to serve and in doing so, be served.

Serving Opportunities for teams:

- Delivering clean drinking water into slums of Port-Au-Prince
- Serving at homes for sick and dying children and adults
- Serving children and adults with disabilities
- Interacting and serving at orphanages with creativity from teams to share the Good News of Jesus Christ!
- Elderly serving
- Visiting Feeding programs, schools, and participating in church services
- Opportunity to shop with purpose and experience some of the economic opportunities with Haiti...job creation program

Safe Global Experience

We stay at the Healing Haiti Guesthouse compound, which is secure and monitored by security guards 24/7. American style food is cooked for teams at the compound. Air-conditioned bedrooms with bunk beds are provided, as well as running water and indoor plumbing. Teams travel with Haitian translators and drivers, in a secure, locked vehicle called a "tap-tap".

Payments and Important Dates

Important Deadlines

Finances

Deposit due (\$200) at time of application
NOTE: Deposit is NOT tax-deductible.

Team Meeting 1 ~ April 19, 2020

First payment due (\$500)
Copy of Passport due
Airline tickets will only be purchased for team members who have made ALL payments to date.

Team Meeting 2 ~ May 17, 2020

Second payment due (\$400)

Team Meeting 3 ~ June 18, 2020

Third & final payment due (\$800)

Raising support is a HUGE part of the mission trip experience. Even if you have the means to pay for a trip in full, it is our belief that raising support is a key part of a mission experience. It allows students to see the goodness of God additionally through the provision of the trip cost.

Raising support is a partnership – us and God! The phrase “God will provide” can often lead us into a mindset of laziness or lead us to an apathetic approach to raising support. “All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.” Proverbs 14:23. Not only is this mindset unbiblical, it will also jeopardize the team’s effectiveness if ALL funds are not raised.

We encourage the team members to take an individual approach to raising support. Support letters are a great place to start, and a sample support letter is included in this informational packet.

The total cost of the trip is \$1,900. This will include;

- All transportation costs, including round trip airline tickets & in-country transport
- Accommodations
- Meals within the country and bottled water
- Ministry materials

Payment Remittance

Your primary venue to collect donations will be through your own personal fundraising page on the Managed Missions website. (More details to follow) It is the responsibility of the participant to collect and track all contributions to cover the trip cost. Participants should give all cash/check donations to the team leaders at team meetings. Note: it is imperative that the students’ contributors make checks written out to Hosanna! and not the individual person.

Contributions are tax deductible with the exception of the **\$200 deposit and cash (unless the donor is noted)**. Hosanna! has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. All contributions are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Team Meetings and Training Schedule

There will be 6 team meetings. It is imperative that all team members attend every team meeting. Team meetings are used for training and practice. Failure to attend team meetings will greatly impact the participant's experience and may result in the participant not being able to go on the impact trip. Note the TENTATIVE schedule below. Dates are subject to change.

Two All Trip Training Meetings

Sunday February 9, 12:30-2pm | Lakeville Campus | CLC

Sunday March 1, 12:30-2pm | Lakeville Campus | CLC

Team Meeting 1

Sunday, April 19th, 6-8pm (The Stoerzinger home)¹

** Copy of passport, notarized forms and first payment due (\$500)

Team Meeting 2

Sunday, May 17th, 6-8pm (The Stoerzinger home)

** Second Payment Due (\$400)

Team Meeting 3 (The Stoerzinger home)

Thursday, June 18th, 6-8pm

**Final Payment Due (\$800)

Team Meeting 4 (TBD The Stoerzinger home or Lakeville campus)

Thursday, July 9, 6-8pm

**Parents invited to meeting 7:30-8 p.m.

Passports collected!**

¹ The Stoerzingers live in Shakopee, off Highway 13 and 169.

Passports and Travel

If you do not have a valid passport, now is the time to get one!

For more information on obtaining your passport, or making amendments to an existing passport, go to:
www.travel.state.gov

A copy of your passport must be turned in to your leader by April 19. The meeting before departure, you will be asked to turn in the actual passport to your leader.



Passport

Each team member must have a VALID passport. For the passport to be valid, it:

- Must have at least 3 blank pages for visa purposes.
- Will not expire within 6 months from the return date of the trip.
- Must show your correct name if newly married. If it does not, you must apply for an addendum.

How to get your passport:

- Go to your nearest passport processing office.
- Find Passport Processing Centers near you at: www.travel.state.gov

Make sure you have the following:

- Proof of U.S. citizenship: previous passport, and/or certified birth certificate.
- Proof of your identity: driver's licence or other picture ID.
- Money to cover the basic fee, which will be approximately \$105.

Obtaining a passport can take up to 6 weeks.

- Expediting a passport application can cost between \$40-75, so act quickly to avoid paying extra fees.

VISA

- US citizens do not require a visa for travel to Haiti. If you are a citizen of another country, please inform your Team Leader. You will need \$10 cash to enter Haiti.

Medical Requirements

- Students MUST visit a local travel clinic for a list of updated vaccines and medications.

Travel Insurance

- Travel Insurance is required to participate in any Hosanna Impact Trip. Travel insurance is the responsibility of the participant to purchase. Hosanna requires the International Volunteer Card (IVC) available at <http://www.volunteercard.com/hosanna.html>. **Please purchase either the "plus" or "premium" coverage. The "basic" coverage is NOT extensive enough! This card MUST be printed in color.**

Application Details

- Application opens online at www.hosannalc.org/studentimpact on **Sunday, Jan. 26 @ 5pm.**
- Space is limited to 15 spots per trip. Spots will fill quickly!
- Students entering 10th grade through graduated seniors are invited to apply.
- **\$200 deposit due at time of application. Credit card payment required and will be charged upon acceptance to the trip.**
- Spots are filled based on the order applications are received, priority given to students regularly attending and registered for Catalyst.
- **You will be notified once accepted** or if you're placed on waiting list. **Please do not inquire about the status of applications, for at least 2 weeks after sign-up date.**
- There is **one application** for all 6 Student Ministries Trips this summer (Guatemala, Haiti, Wyoming, Florida, India, Cuba). You will be given the opportunity to indicate your interest in other trips and prioritize your trip preferences on the application.

The following essay questions will be on the online application.

Prepare your answers ahead of time if you're concerned about getting your application in in a timely manner!

1. Overseas Experience

Please describe where/when you've traveled outside of the U.S.

2. References

List three people who know you well and can act as a personal reference. If you have been on a previous Impact Trip, please include the trip leader. (Please include name, relationship and contact number.)

3. Application Essay: Please write out a 250 - 500 word essay that addresses the following questions:

- How would you describe your faith?
- How has your background (family, environment, experiences) impacted who you are and your faith?
- What are your expectations for this trip?
- Why is it important that you go on this trip?
- How do you believe this impact trip will impact you personally?
- How are you going to impact the team you will be a part of?
- How do you hope to impact the people you will be interacting with on this trip?

Sample Fundraising Letter

Dear _____,

This (*month*) I have the amazing opportunity of serving with a team to (*location*) on a Hosanna! Impact trip through Hosanna! Student Ministries and Hosanna! Lutheran Church. Hosanna! Lutheran Church facilitates Impact trips from the United States all over the world. This summer I will be joining an Impact team from (*dates*). I am excited that the Lord has enabled me to be a part of this experience.

As a part of the team, I will be involved in (*briefly describe ministry you expect to do*). I am really looking forward to sharing God's love in the communities we are visiting.

I know that this kind of work is in vain without prayer, so I am asking that you consider praying for me, for our team, and especially for the people I will serve in (*location*). I also ask that you prayerfully consider contributing financially. The total amount I need to raise toward the missions project is (*trip cost*). This amount includes all cost associated with travelling to and staying in (*location*), ministry materials, and missionary offering. My hope is to have the necessary funds together by (*week prior to payment deadline*). I have faith that God will make it possible.

Please pray with me that this need will be met. I'm excited, hopeful and expecting to learn so much through this experience. I greatly appreciate you letting me share with you what I believe will be one of the most meaningful experiences of my life.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME

This paragraph must be included in your fundraising letters.

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(optional tear off portion)

I wish to support (*your name*) in their ministry to (*trip location*).

\$50 Donation \$100 Donation \$_____ Donation

Support Via Online Contribution:

You may contribute online via my personal fundraising page on the Managed Missions webpage:

[INCLUDE YOUR MANAGED MISSIONS LINK HERE]

For those wishing to donate via check, Make checks payable to **Hosanna!** (Please DO NOT include my name in the memo) and mail checks to:

Your Name

Your Address and Street

Your City, Zip Code, State