



# HAITI

**For Students Entering 10th Grade - Graduated Seniors**

**Trip Cost: \$2,000**

**July 22-29, 2019**

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## 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 orphanage 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

# Payments and Important Dates

## Important Deadlines

### Finances

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

### DATE

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

### DATE

- Second payment due (\$500)

### DATE

- 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 **\$2,000**. 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 5-6 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.** The teams will start out meeting together, and split closer to departure dates. Note the schedule below. Dates are subject to change.

### **Mandatory Parent & Student Meeting (Choose to attend 1)**

Monday, March 4, 7-8 pm | Activity Center

Thursday, March 7, 7-8 pm | Activity Center

### **Team Meeting 1**

Thursday, April 11, 7-9 pm | Activity Center to start, then Room 15

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

### **Team Commissioning**

Wednesday night (date being finalized) at Catalyst Services (all campuses)

### **Team Meeting 2**

Thursday, May 9, 7-9 pm | Room 15

**\*\* Second Payment Due (\$500)**

### **Team Meeting 3**

Wednesday, May 22, 7-9 p.m. | Room 15

### **Team Meeting 4**

Wednesday, June 19, 7-9 pm | Room 15

**\*\*Final Payment Due (\$800)**

### **Team Meeting 5 (Parents Attend End of Session!)**

Wednesday, July 10, 7-9 pm | Room 15

**\*\*Parents invited to meeting 8:30-9 p.m.**

**Passports collected!\*\***

# 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](http://www.travel.state.gov)

A copy of your passport must be turned in to your leader by **April 11**. 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:

1. Must have at least 3 blank pages for visa purposes.
2. Will not expire within 6 months from the return date of the trip.
3. 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](http://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.

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- **\$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 4 Student Ministries Trips this summer (2 Guatemala, Haiti, HEART-Vidor). 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*