



## **Mission Trip Mobilization**

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### **PACKET 1: INFORMATION**

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**"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least  
of these brothers, you did for me."**

**Matthew 25:40**

# Introduction

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Welcome to Mission of Hope! We are so glad you are considering serving alongside us in Haiti, as we seek to bring life transformation to every man, woman, and child in this beautiful country. This packet should paint a pretty clear picture of what a week “on mission” with us looks like! Your next step will be to reserve a date for your team to come down. You will then receive our Commitment Packet with guidelines, planning suggestions, and travel preparations. Then right before your trip, you will receive our Departure Packet with airport instructions, packing lists, and emergency contact numbers.

Mission of Hope was founded in 1989 by Bob and Sharon Johnson when they were able to acquire a piece of barren land 20 miles north of Port au Prince. Their vision was to build a mission complex that would effectively reach out and minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the people of Haiti. In 1998, the torch was passed to Bob and Sharon’s son, Brad, and his wife, Vanessa. As they felt the call on their lives to make Haiti their home, they became pioneers of what was to become Mission of Hope as we know it today.

The Mission of Hope complex now sits on 100 acres of land and employs over 300 Haitians. Approximately 3,000 children are enrolled in the School of Hope, the Village of Hope Orphanage is home to over 60 children, the Hope Clinic sees hundreds of patients every week, and over 1,500 adults, youth, and children come from surrounding villages to attend the Church of Hope.

Our nutrition program ensures that over 50,000 children throughout Haiti receive a hot meal at school each day. Included in this program, there are well over 1,000 orphaned children receiving three meals a day.

A variety of short-term missions teams, including medical, construction and evangelism, visit the Mission of Hope throughout the year. Mission of Hope is Giving Hope to a Nation!

# What a Trip Looks Like

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Each year, thousands of people travel to Haiti with Mission of Hope. Short-term mission trips are an incredible opportunity to grow spiritually, to cultivate an awareness of the world and needs around you, and to respond to God's call to share the Gospel through personal, servant-minded ministry. As part of our mission of life transformation, we look forward to introducing visitors from around the world to all the work God is doing at Mission of Hope.

Your team will have an opportunity to impact Haiti and Mission of Hope, just as much as the trip itself will have a long-term impact on your team members' lives. Trips will be planned by Mission of Hope to involve team members in all the different facets of outreach Mission of Hope uses in ministry. Team members will be a part of building intentional relationships in communities that we have been deeply involved in since 1998, through both work projects and ministry activities.

## WORK PROJECTS

Most teams will have 2 full days of work projects. Work projects could be anything from helping with new projects at our main campus, to traveling to our Leveque property to paint houses for earthquake survivors. We also have work projects at our Bercy location, as we eagerly prepare for more school buildings, the water tower, pastoral conference center, agricultural trade school and so much more. Another work project could also be partnering with the Church of Hope to go out and bless families in the neighboring villages. This is such an amazing opportunity to go out and bless families from our church.

## VILLAGE MINISTRY

Teams will also have 2 full days of village ministry. At Mission of Hope one of our main focuses is to empower the local church and come along side and support it in any way possible. Through the Church of Hope, we go out into neighboring villages and partner with other pastors and village leaders. Church leaders will accompany short-term teams as we go into the villages and encourage believers and spread the Gospel to those who may not have already heard the Good News. We will take time to pray over the village and will also walk through the villages and pray with individuals. Teams will also be encouraged to utilize the church leaders to help gather children from the local village and spend time with them, sing with them, share Bible stories and play with them.

## MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC

As an extension of our on-site clinic, we are able to reach out to communities we serve within the Church Advancement program that have no access to healthcare. With the help of visiting North American teams or individual participants, it is our goal to run a Mobile Medical Clinic at least once a month.

Individuals and teams participating in Mobile Clinics are asked to help purchase and bring in the medication needed to operate a mobile clinic. Licensed medical professionals able to serve in our Mobile Clinics are as follows: MD, DO, PA or ARNP, RN, LPN, EMT or equivalent. The Clinics also utilize Dentists, Hygienists, and Optometrists.

For all licensed professionals serving with Mission of Hope, the Haitian Medical Ministry requires current documentation, three months prior to arrival in Haiti. A copy of medical diploma, current medical license, passport and a plain photo of the participant’s face are required.

If you are not a licensed medical professional, but still wish to serve as support staff on a Mobile Clinic, we would love to have you.

For more information regarding Mobile Medical Clinics and serving alongside Mission of Hope in any medical capacity, contact our Medical Mission Trips Coordinator at [medical@mohhaiti.org](mailto:medical@mohhaiti.org).

## When Making a Reservation with MOH

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If you are placing a reservation for a trip this year, please be strategic in choosing how many spots you would like to reserve, so that we are able to accurately plan for the number of bunks actually needed, especially during our busier seasons. In addition, if you are traveling alone, you must be 18 years of age or older.

## For More Information

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Please call or email us to discuss possible trip dates and any questions you may have regarding a trip to Mission of Hope, Haiti.

US Office.....(239) 791-8125  
Email.....[missiontrips@mohhaiti.org](mailto:missiontrips@mohhaiti.org)  
Website.....[www.mohhaiti.org](http://www.mohhaiti.org)

## Flights

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Teams are responsible for their own flights into Haiti. **Please note that all flights must arrive and depart from the Port au Prince Airport on Saturdays or Wednesdays only.** This allows us to be good stewards of our transportation expenses.

## Medical Personnel

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All medical personnel serving in Haiti are required by the Haitian Ministry of Health to have documentation submitted to Haitian authorities **90 days in advance** of medically serving in Haiti.

Please let the Mission Trips Coordinator know of any medical personnel in your group ASAP so they can receive our Medical Information Packet.

The following documents are needed to practice medicine:

- Copy of medical diploma
- Copy of medical license
- Copy of passport
- Plain photo of face (passport/driver's license not valid)

Documents should be scanned and e-mailed to [missiontrips@mohhaiti.org](mailto:missiontrips@mohhaiti.org) as soon as possible.

## Additional Opportunities

*In addition to our regular Mission Trip activities, we offer supplemental personal connection opportunities to the folks who have chosen to strategically engage in the lives of one of our students or orphans through monthly sponsorship.*

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### School of Hope (Student Sponsorship)

The School of Hope provides quality, Christ-centered education to almost 3,000 students across 3 campuses ranging from Kindergarten through the 13<sup>th</sup> grade. The School of Hope relies on the support of Student Sponsors to come alongside these future leaders of Haiti both financially and through encouragement and prayer. Student Sponsors give \$35/monthly or \$420/annually, and enjoy an annually updated photo of and information about their student, an annual school progress report, a Christmas card and photo, and thank you notes and photos in response to gifts and letters. Sponsors are welcome to schedule a visit with their sponsored student while serving in Haiti during the school year. If you are interested in becoming a Student Sponsor and visiting your student on your upcoming trip, contact [sponsorship@mohhaiti.org](mailto:sponsorship@mohhaiti.org). For more information about the School of Hope and Sponsorship at MOH, please visit our website at [www.mohhaiti.org](http://www.mohhaiti.org).

## Village of Hope (Orphan Sponsorship)

The Village of Hope Orphanage provides full time, loving care to over 65 wonderful Haitian children ranging in age from infant to young adult. These children come in hopeless, and through Jesus gain great hope, both for this life and eternity. VOH Child Sponsors support these children by providing \$150/monthly or \$1,800/annually, and enjoy updated photos and information about their child, monthly Village of Hope newsletters, seasonal crafts & notes from their child, and more! Sponsors are welcome to schedule a visit with their child while serving in Haiti anytime throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming a VOH Child Sponsor and visiting your child on your upcoming trip, contact [sponsorship@mohhaiti.org](mailto:sponsorship@mohhaiti.org). For more information about the Village of Hope, please visit our website at [www.mohhaiti.org](http://www.mohhaiti.org).

## Trip Costs: Groups & Individuals

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Payment of trip is due one month prior to your departure date. This is a firm deadline as it allows us to prepare for in-country costs.

Individuals/groups staying at the Mission's campus will be given a food list with required items to bring with them on their trip. This food will be used by Mission of Hope to prepare some meals for all visiting teams. Please inquire further if you want an example list.

### STAYING ON CAMPUS \$575/PERSON

- Lodging
- Medical Travelers Insurance
- Transportation in Haiti (*bus & driver*)
- Projects
- MOH expenses
- Beach day at a resort
- Partial food (will be given required food list)
- Children (12 and under): \$275/child

### STAYING AT THE RESORT \$825/PERSON

*(45 minute drive from Mission of Hope, only available in the off seasons.)*

- Lodging
- Medical Travelers Insurance
- Transportation (*bus & driver*)
- Cost for additional driver pay, fuel and room
- Projects
- MOH expenses
- Children (12 and under): \$400/child