



Dear Volunteers,

I am very glad to hear that after much prayer and consideration you have chosen to become part of Beehive Global's volunteer program. We greatly value the commitment you are making to do God's work in the mission field and understand that you are making sacrifices to do so. Volunteering in the developing world is a life-changing choice and I know from my personal experience that you will never be the same!

Haiti is a country that has been mistreated for over 500 years and is still recovering from the devastating earthquake of 2010. The infrastructure of their capital city (Port-au-Prince) has been rated the worst in the world. This includes poor access to medical services, a barely functioning police force, broken and often blocked roads and waterways, no sanitation system, and high levels of corruption at all levels. With this in mind, it is important that each volunteer pay close attention to his or her surroundings at all times.

The Beehive Global Team has been working very hard to pave the way for volunteers in this difficult, but very rewarding field. They have been filling out paperwork, meeting with government officials, interviewing employees, and establishing ties to the community through numerous outreach programs. We have built a 53-acre country property for your comfort and to bring the Three Angels Messages to this nation. To see more of what we have been doing for the last eleven years visit our web site at [thebeehivehaiti.org](http://thebeehivehaiti.org). Click on Newsletters in the top bar and explore the archived newsletters there.

One of the most exciting aspects of the work in Haiti is the fact that the need is so extensive you can design a program to fit the interests and abilities of any volunteer group. In other words, we need you and your knowledge in any and all areas! There is a great need for classes in sanitation, personal hygiene, plant-based cooking, the benefits of clean water and fresh air, the importance of exercise, and much more. There is a huge need for literature in the local language that can be brought in with each visiting group. Because the island imports most of their food, agricultural training can be a key to teaching the people to support themselves. Agriculture classes can be taught in composting, organic pest control, organic fertilizer, the dangers of GMO crops, seed sowing, seed storage, pruning, etc. Agriculture and manual trades go together when it comes to learning how to be self-sufficient. Haiti, in general, desperately needs to be able to supply its own food and a skilled labor force. The vocational skills needed are carpentry, masonry, metal fabrication, tailoring, auto mechanics, basic computer skills, electrical, and plumbing. We have been given a great responsibility to help the people of this world to prepare for Christ's soon return. I am so glad you have chosen to join the work! *"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."* Luke 10:2

## Volunteer Fees

**A volunteer coordinator** will be working with you to help organize your trip. Everyone's trip needs and interests are different. Some volunteers need transportation from and to the airport to our country mission in Bohoc, which is two hours south of the Cap Hatien airport, and 3 meals a day. Others want to add a trip to the beach at the end of their work etc. Please understand that the cost of transportation, food, and any services are all very expensive in Haiti. It is our goal to make you as comfortable as possible, in a developing country, which requires a large support staff. Generally speaking, we request a contribution of \$85.00 USD/per person/per day, to cover the cost of basic transportation, food, lodging, utilities, labor, and support staff. Long term volunteers will make their own arrangements with the Executive Director, Jonathan Euler.

## Accommodations and General Information

**At our 53-acre country property** we have a generous guesthouse equipped with a full kitchen, bedrooms, bathrooms, and a large meeting room. One bedroom with an adjoining bath is reserved for our long-term volunteers. The other bedrooms are outfitted with bunk beds and mattresses and use shared bathrooms on the hallways. All bathrooms have running water, flushing toilets, and showers. Our power comes mostly from solar power with some assist from gas powered generators when needed, and a propane operated stove. Fortunately, we have plenty of sun in Haiti!

We have accumulated a wonderful collection of animals to help teach our neighbors and staff about God's creation. To help them see animals as our pets and not a food source. There are an abundance of country living families and children that you will enjoy interacting with and demonstrating any life skills you have to teach. Remember one of the most important things you can give is a selfless Christ-like love and respect.

Please consult a Beehive Global staff member if you have items to give away. They will help you do this in a controlled setting.

## Food

**We will be providing** three simple meals a day. Rice, beans, spaghetti, fruit, juice, vegetables, and oatmeal will be part of the daily menu. Please bring your comfort food such as dried fruits, nuts, trail mix, granola bars, and any "treats" you may require. Be sure to bring your own water bottle to refill daily. The weather is hot (in the 90's and 100's) and very humid.

## Security

- Please do not leave the compound by yourself. Our team leaders will assist you with any needs that you have.
- We discourage all volunteers from leaving the property at night. We will not be able to take responsibility for your safety if you leave the grounds unaccompanied by an approved translator or one of our security guards.
- Be aware that culturally there is a smaller circumference of personal space in public places. If someone bumps you it is not meant to be an aggressive act.
- People will often not initiate a smile. Don't perceive this as being unfriendly. They often will return friendliness/smiles ... and when they do it is genuine.

## Items to bring for your comfort and support

- A current passport, plus additional copies of your passport, which should be kept in a different place than your original. **Your passport needs to be at least 6 months from expiring from your anticipated return date in order to be considered current.**
- Food – snacks, packaged food, powdered Gatorade/other drinks, bars, gels, dried fruit, trail mix, camping food, nuts – all your favorite comfort foods.
- Water – 1 or 2 reusable water bottles
- Toilet paper until you adjust to ours
- Comfort – bed linens, pillow, towel, headlamp, insecticides, sunscreen
- Clothing – Work clothes, work boots, poly travel pants, comfortable shoes, hat, sunglasses, bathing suit, flip flops for showers
- Your own specialty equipment and tools, if possible
- Pocket money in small bills – for the airport \$10.00 for airport tax. Other than that, small bills for the market or souvenir purchases. US dollars are accepted in Haiti as long as they are not torn or damaged in any way.

## Sickness or Accidents

**Our Chief Operating Officer is an RN** and is equipped to provide first aid for small mishaps and illnesses. If a more serious accident should occur, we are affiliated with the Adventist Hospital in Port-au-Prince under the direction of Dr. Scott Nelson from Loma Linda University. We also have other hospital choices close by that are equipped with x-ray machines etc.

We provide clean bottled drinking water at “The Pearl”. You can fill your water bottle and use that water only for drinking and brushing your teeth etc.

Haiti has a dynamic, changing environment, which resembles a post-war zone due to the earthquake-related devastation and poverty. Volunteers should be in good health, physically, emotionally, and mentally strong, able to multitask, and willing to adapt to the situation.

Make sure that you are up to date on your chosen vaccinations and bring your recommended medications. A current Tetanus vaccination is recommended “just in case”. Pack your medications in your carry-on bag.

## Transportation

**Transportation is provided** for you from and to the airport. If you are needing additional transportation outside of the roundtrip from and to the airport (or a sight-seeing trip), this will need to be arranged at least several days in advance and there will be an additional charge which ranges between \$30-\$60 depending on what type of transport you need. If you are interested in arranging an outing during your stay, please let us know before you arrive or at least several days in advance of the outings so that we can make the necessary arrangements. Transportation costs for sightseeing trips can range from \$80-\$300/day.

## Airline Luggage Allowance

**Baggage allowances are constantly changing.** Please check with your carrier before purchasing your ticket. If you are planning on packing supplies or donations in a box, please ask your carrier about box embargoes for the dates you are traveling. Should a box embargo be in effect this means you will **not be able** to pack anything in the shape of a box whether it is made from cardboard or plastic. No matter what the size of the box or how much you are willing to pay you will not be allowed to bring it. At these specific times only suitcases and duffle bags will be allowed as check on baggage. American Airlines has a permanent box embargo in place for Haiti as of 2/17.

Spirit Airlines is the only airlines that flies into Cap Hatien, Haiti. This is a very safe port that is still used by the cruise ships docking in Haiti. It is a small airport without all the modern conveniences like baggage carousels and vending machines. Use the restroom on your aircraft before deplaning. Spirit has one flight every day from Fort Lauderdale or Miami, Florida.

Be smart and leave your designer luggage at home. A Louis-Viton case will only help bring the customs officials to a high alert.

## Language

- Common languages are French and Haitian Creole. French is normally spoken in more educated circles while Creole is the common everyday language.
- For Basics in Creole please see the section below or refer to online tutorials.

## General information

- On your embarkation card please use the address Beehive Global, Bohoc, Hinche, Haiti.
- For any questions or concerns please contact Jonathan Euler at [joneuler@gmail.com](mailto:joneuler@gmail.com) or Cynthia Euler at [cynthiaeuler@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiaeuler@gmail.com). These addresses are checked hourly during the day and even more frequently when volunteers are traveling.

## Haitian Creole Basics

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| Good morning.                  | Bonjou.                            |
| Good Afternoon.                | Bonswa.                            |
| Thank you.                     | Mesi.                              |
| Excuse me.                     | Eskize Mwen.                       |
| Please.                        | Souple.                            |
| How are you?                   | Koman-ou yé?                       |
| I am well, thank you.          | Mwen bien, merci.                  |
| Hello.                         | Alo.                               |
| Goodbye.                       | Orevwa.                            |
| Yes                            | Wi                                 |
| No                             | Non                                |
| Good, well                     | Bien                               |
| Bad, not well                  | Mal                                |
| Sick                           | Malade                             |
| How much?                      | Konben?                            |
| Why?                           | Poukisa?                           |
| Where?                         | (Ki) Kote?                         |
| How?                           | Kijan                              |
| What's your name?              | Ki non-ou <i>or</i> Koman-ou rélé? |
| My name is...                  | Mwen rélé...                       |
| Food                           | Mange                              |
| Did you eat already?           | Ou manjé déjà?                     |
| Thirsty                        | Soif                               |
| Hungry                         | Grangou                            |
| Are you thirsty?               | Ou soif?                           |
| Yes, I am.                     | Oui, mwen soif.                    |
| Are you hungry?                | Ou grangou?                        |
| Yes I am.                      | Oui, mwen grangou.                 |
| What can I do for you?         | Ki sa-m ka fé pou-ou?              |
| I don't understand.            | Mwen pa konprann.                  |
| How do you say ____ in Creole? | Kij an yo di ____ an kreyol?       |
| God bless you.                 | Bon Dié beni-ou.                   |