

Dear Volunteers,

I am very glad to hear that after much prayer and consideration you have chosen to become part of The Beehive International'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 International Development 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. To see more of what we have been doing for the last six years visit our brand new web site at thebeehivehaiti.org.

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 hand-in-hand 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 to and from the Port-au-Prince airport, to our country mission in Bohoc, which is three hours north of the 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 \$65.00 USD/per person/per day, to cover the cost of basic transportation, food, lodging, utilities, labor, and support staff.

Accommodations and General Info:

Our city property in Port-au-Prince can accommodate 20 people in bunk bed style sleeping quarters. In the list of things to bring you will see sheets, towels, pillow, and a mosquito net. It would be wonderful if you could plan to leave these items for our use when you return home. We have running water, electricity, and wi-fi. Our property is very beautiful with a large garden and functioning workshop. It is a gated oasis amidst the turbulence of Port-au-Prince.

At our 32-acre country property we have the same style of sleeping accommodations. Bunk beds with mattresses. Our power comes from gas powered generators, so it is much more limited. We have accumulated a wonderful collection of animals to help teach our neighbors about God's creation. There is an abundance of country families and children that you will enjoy interacting with.

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 either 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.

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 date of departure 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
- Comfort – bed linens, pillow, towel, headlamp, insecticides, sunscreen
- Clothing – Work clothes, poly travel pants, comfortable shoes, hat
- Your own specialty equipment and tools, if possible
- Pocket money in small bills – for the airport \$10.00 for airport tax and \$2.00 for your luggage cart. Other than that, small bills for your 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

If you should become ill during your stay we have an excellent relationship with several Doctors and nurses at the Adventist Hospital just minutes away from our city location. We share Friday night vespers every Friday night with these friends and they will be happy to assist our guests with any health concerns or unforeseen accidents.

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

Delta and American Airlines are the two main carrier's we use. Delta has non-stop flights to Port-au-Prince. Flights that connect through Miami or Fort Lauderdale will make your trip seem a lot longer – but ticket prices always dictate where I purchase. Baggage allowances are changing constantly – please check with your carrier before purchasing your ticket to avoid unexpected charges. **Ask about box embargoes for the dates you are traveling.** This means you will not be able to pack anything in the shape of a box whether it is made out of cardboard or plastic, no matter what size it is or how much you are willing to pay. At these specific times they will only allow duffel bags or suitcases. If you are not flying during one of these specified times then it is okay to pack supplies in a box. American Airlines has a permanent box embargo in place for Haiti as of 2/17.

Travel Alert

- As you make arrangements for this trip, please be aware that the US Department of State has travel warnings and travel alerts for Haiti. The Zika Virus is a possibility during the rainy season of the year = if you are pregnant you should not plan a trip to Haiti.

Please read the full travel warning at:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html

On your application you will be asked to sign that you are aware of the risks and will assume the risks of this travel.

- Please rest assured that The Beehive International, Inc. will do everything in its power to keep you as safe as possible once you arrive in Port-au-Prince. To help allay any fears, it is quite safe within the compounds of our city and country properties. However, because the political situation can be unstable, please be aware that your trip could get cancelled in the event of civil unrest. If this happens, please be prepared to be flexible.

Health

- 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 all vaccinations and recommended medications.
- **Bring a supply of your personal routine medications and carry it with you in your carry-on bag.**

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

- Use the HAH Address: Hôpital Adventiste d'Haïti, Diquini 63, Carrefour, Port-au-Prince, Haiti on your embarkation card.
- For any questions or comments please contact Jonathan Euler at joneuler@gmail.com.

Haitian Creole Basics

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.