



## 2018 Mission Trip Application & Financial Information

- ✓ This application is for those who would like to participate in a short-term mission trip with Haitian Children's Ministry to Haiti.
- ✓ Please review and complete the Mission Trip Application in its entirety before submitting.
- ✓ Please read and sign the following: Financial Memo of Understanding, Code of Conduct, and Liability Release Form and return with your application.
- ✓ Non-refundable deposit of \$100 due at time of application. **The total cost of trip is \$1100 plus airfare.** Airfare cost is dependent upon city of origin. Airfare from JFK-New York typically ranges from \$500-800. A second deposit of \$775 is due on November 20. Final payment of remaining balance is due Jan. 1, 2018.
- ✓ Mail Application and deposit check before **September 17** to:

Haitian Children's Ministry  
3139 County Rd 516  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

## 2018 Basic Requirements:

I understand and agree to the following principles:

1. Be at least 18 years of age. (Or, at least 14 years of age with a parent participating in the same trip.)
2. Be in an active relationship with Jesus Christ
3. Attend all trip meetings. Absences must be cleared with the HCM board.(If you live out of state or are far from Old Bridge, NJ, there will be electronic access)
4. Will adhere to all deadlines, including financial deadlines, regardless of whether I pay individually the cost of the mission trip or raise financial support to cover the cost. All participants must abide by the deadlines for application, deposits and payments.
5. Passport, vaccinations, and any medical prescription costs are incurred by the team member and are their financial responsibility. These costs are not calculated in the trip cost and are not the responsibility of The Haitian Children's Ministry.

I have read the above and agree to the above policies, rules, and terms.

### Participants Name

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(Signature)

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(Date)

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## God's Pattern of Provision: Financial Support for Your Trip

### Understanding the Biblical Precedent for Support Development:

So, you want to go on a mission trip, but you need to raise all or some of the money you need to be able to go? Rest assured that you are not the only one. You will also be in the good company of people like the Apostle Paul, who needed the support of the Church body to carry out his ministry.

**The Haitian Children's Ministry** believes general financial support for your mission trip should be sought from friends and family members who 1) are believers and 2) that you have a close relationship with. Haitian Children's Ministry does not support group fundraising of any kind such as car washes, magazine or candy sales. We will supply you with a "sample" support letter to get you started on raising the funds needed for your trip.

You may have many questions and even some fears, but we believe that as you read and follow the steps outlined below, and trust in the Holy Spirit to guide and help you, you will be greatly encouraged. The following paragraphs provide the biblical rationale behind the practice of raising support. Once you have an understanding of this, you'll be better able to raise support with boldness and confidence. It is our prayer that in this process you will see the faithfulness of God who provides for the work that He calls us to do.

### Developing a Vision:

Raising support is not about raising money; it's about sharing a vision. It is about sharing the excitement of God's call and the opportunity He has set before you, and it's about giving others a chance to participate in God's plan to reach the nations.

The basic principle you need to understand is people are giving to the Lord (His work) and not to you personally. You need to have a sense of purpose when you ask—and there is no greater purpose than God's will or His work. Do you have a vision or idea of how the Lord may use you? God desires for all to enter His Kingdom and for every person to have a chance to hear about His mercy and forgiveness. If you help lead one person one step closer to Christ on this trip, then you are doing the greatest work on earth.

## **Support Raising is Biblical:**

Throughout Scripture we find that God expects His people to support those involved in full-time service. He instituted a tithe as the means to support the Levites (Num. 18:24, Neh. 13:10-13 NIV). And throughout the history of Israel, God promised to bless those who invest in this work (Prov. 3:9-10, Mal. 3:10 NIV).

Paul said emphatically to the Corinthians, "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14 NIV) And John wrote to Gaius saying that it was a good thing to support missionaries because, "It is for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans." (3 John 1:7 NIV)

At times, especially at turning points in his ministry, Paul explicitly asked other Christians for financial support. "When I go to Spain...I hope to have you assist me on my journey..." (Rom. 15:24 NIV) The original language here confirms that Paul was asking for monetary assistance.

Jesus had financial supporters. As a carpenter, Jesus could have funded his ministry by building furniture or repairing carts and tables. But as far as we know, He didn't. As Jesus went out ministering, He relied on people such as Mary, Martha and Lazarus who helped "...support Him out of their own means." (Luke 8:3 NIV)

Jesus gave specific directions to His disciples which forced them to depend on others for their needs. They were to accept gifts from others, as Jesus said, "...eating and drinking whatever they give to you; for the worker deserves his wages." (Luke 10:4-7 NIV) A laborer in God's Kingdom is truly worthy of being paid for his service. The workers in the early church lived on a system of support similar to what God had established for the Levites.

In 1 Corinthians 9:14 (NIV), the Apostle Paul writes, "In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." He explains that God set up a system of financial support for His workers. He also writes that even though he had the right to be supported by the Corinthians, he chose to make tents. This was an exception, however, to Paul's usual method of ministry.

### **Including Others in the Mission:**

Romans 10:14-15 (NIV) speaks of the need for us to go and preach so that others might be saved. Verse 15 specifically asks, “And how can they preach unless they are sent?” Have you considered that your trip, and the act of praying for and supporting you financially, may be the way someone else can fulfill part of God’s call on their lives? Your trip may be the only mission trip they ever “go on” personally. By including others in your mission, you are giving them the opportunity to prayerfully consider how God would have them follow Him. Sending you may be the way that someone else can be obedient to what God is asking them to do.

### **Living by Faith Today:**

All Christians need to live by faith (2 Cor. 5:7, Heb. 11:6 NIV), regardless of how they receive their finances. The bottom line is that you need to be willing to do whatever it is the Lord asks you to do. Raising support is a matter of obedience to God’s word and calling, not of following your feelings. If God calls you to go on this mission, then He will provide everything you need to fulfill your ministry, including emotional strength and perseverance (1 Thess. 5:24 NIV).

## FINANCIAL MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING:

1. I understand that I am responsible for raising 100% of the funds required for the trip. The money I raise covers, travel cost, food, lodging, exit taxes, ministry expense and on ground transportation. I am responsible for passport, souvenirs, immunizations, food / drink while traveling to and from trip destination.
2. Financial donations made to Haitian Children's Ministry mission team accounts are not mine—they belong to God and have been given to Haitian Children's Ministry in order to accomplish the mission and work of the church.
3. If, for some reason, I do not ultimately participate on the mission trip to which I have been accepted, I am responsible for any fees incurred as a result of my cancellation.
4. If I do not raise enough money to pay for my trip, I may not be able to go. Any money raised will be applied to the current trip or materials needed.
5. If I raise an amount of money that exceeds my needs, remaining money will be dispersed to other team members in need or used by Haitian Children's Ministry for other financial needs associated with the mission.
6. If, for some reason, I do not participate on the mission trip to which I have been accepted, I understand that the monies donated to my trip cannot be refunded to me or to the donors due to the non-profit status of Haitian Children's Ministry. All materials, including airline and other travel tickets, that have been purchased with donated funds cannot be transferred outside of the trip.
7. If inappropriate behavior and/or the breaking of any team covenant or policies causes me to be sent home early from my mission trip as a disciplinary action, none of the money raised will be refunded to me or any donors.
8. If you are a minor and any inappropriate behavior and/or breaking of any team covenant policies occur, you will be sent home at your parent's and/or guardian's expense.

I have read the above and agree to the above policies, rules, and terms.

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# 2018 Mission Trip Application for Participation

Trip Date: March 3-10, 2018

In order to participate in a Haitian Children Ministry's Mission Trip, you must attend the mandatory training sessions/team building. Are you willing to attend these meetings?

Yes  No

## Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Issue Date/Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on your passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female  Single  Married: Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

## In case of emergency, please notify:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical History:

a. General Health: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Any history of the following:  trick knee  weak ankles  bad back  other

d. Are you subject to:  diabetes  epilepsy  heart disease  hypertension  other

e.  Appendix removed?  Tetanus shot updated?

g. Medicines taken: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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h. Allergies (food, drugs, other): \_\_\_\_\_

Medications used to treat allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

f. Medical treatment received in the past year: \_\_\_\_\_

g. Have you had or been exposed to any contagious disease in the past six months? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Consent:**

I hereby give permission for my son / daughter / self (if over 18 years of age) to receive emergency medical attention from a physician in the event of illness or injury. (Please circle one.)

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(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**Involvement:**

How long have you been a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the ministry teams with which you have been involved:

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Please indicate any special skills, talents, or Christian service experience that you feel may be helpful on this mission trip:

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Please list any previous mission experience:

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**Testimony:**

Please share your testimony (use the additional space on the back if necessary):

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What do you believe is the most significant thing the Lord is doing in your life right now?

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What do you believe God is teaching you? Be as specific as possible.

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Briefly explain what you hope to see the Lord do in and through you on this mission trip.

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### References

Please list two references. These people should be Christ-followers.

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Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2018 Haitian Children’s Ministry Team Member “Code of Conduct” and Commitment

I support the mission statement of Haitian Children’s Ministry: Sharing the story and inspiring God’s to help the children of Haiti... I appreciate that Haitian Children’s Ministry events are an important part of how we accomplish that mission. I understand that all who participate in Haitian Children’s Ministry events are expected to observe and adhere to the following standard of conduct during the entire duration of the event, including the travel time of a mission trip. As a participant in an upcoming Haitian Children’s Ministry event, I understand and agree that:

1. I will pray for the team leaders and give them my undivided support. I will follow them without criticism or delay. A spirit of unity, care and concern for my teammates, and gentleness will guide my thoughts and actions throughout this event.
2. I will adhere to any dress code established for the event at all times. I understand that dress code will depend on the local culture and what is considered appropriate attire.
3. I agree that contact with members of the opposite sex should be limited and controlled, so that we reflect the light of God and avoid even the appearance of inappropriate behavior.
4. I will not participate in activities or visit any establishment or place which may be seen by others as inconsistent with a Christian lifestyle.
5. I will not use profanity at any time.
6. I will not possess, use, or distribute any drug or substance for which possession or distribution is unlawful either in New Jersey or at our destination.

I will abide by any additional guidelines which may be deemed necessary by the leaders during the event.

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# 2018 Haitian Children's Ministry – Liability Release Form

## Release of all Claims

In consideration for being accepted by Haitian Children's Ministry for participation in Haitian Children's Ministry events from January 2018 through December 2018, I do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless Haitian Children's Ministry and the board members thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child-participant that occur while said child is participating in the above described trip or activity. Furthermore, I hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein. Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to said church to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging for this participant.

The undersigned further hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify said church, its directors, employees and agents, for any liability sustained by said church as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

**(If the participant has not attained the age of 18 years):**

We (I) are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this participant, and hereby grant our (my) permission for him/her to participate fully in said trip, and hereby give our (my) permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including but not in limitation to emergency surgery or medical treatment, and assume the responsibility of all medical bills, medical evacuation, if any.

Further, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, we (I) hereby assume all transportation costs.

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