



Serving Trip Details

When?

May 28 to June 3, 2011

Why?

After the earthquake in January of 2010 that devastated the nation of Haiti, Gateway was called to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those living in Haiti. During the last year, Gateway explored how to use the resources God provided our church in a way that will have long-term, relational and spiritual impact with those God was calling us to serve. During the last year, Gateway has developed a partnership with Mission of Hope to care for widows, orphans, and those living in extreme poverty. People from Gateway who travel to Haiti will have the opportunity to serve along side Haitians, show the love of Christ to Haitian adults and children, rebuild communities, experience personal growth, and further our partnership with Mission of Hope.

What Will We Do?

- We will be spending time with orphans at Mission of Hope and serve orphanages in the surrounding villages that don't receive the same degree of care that children at Mission of Hope receive.
- We will do construction work at two sites where Mission of Hope is rebuilding homes and schools in the surrounding villages.
- Those in the medical profession will work in the Mission of Hope clinic/hospital (or possibly mobile clinics) to provide care for the 100+ Haitians who seek medical attention each day from Mission of Hope.
- Stay flexible. The needs and situation change everyday in Haiti, so we have to stay flexible to serve the needs of those we are going to serve.

Who Should Go?

People in all places of their spiritual journey are welcome - Discover, Develop & Deepen. Charles will meet with each person as part of the application process to ensure this trip is the best next step for each person's spiritual journey, as well as the best step for the team and partnership with Mission of Hope.

Estimated trip cost:

\$1,750 - includes airfare, lodging, meals while in Haiti, project materials, travel insurance. At our upcoming meetings, we'll provide some training/equipping on how to partner with others to raise these funds.

Other costs not included in this amount: any food the day we travel to and from Haiti; each person will also be asked to bring approximately \$30 of food into Haiti (list provided later); vaccinations or medication you take; supplies like mosquito net; sunscreen, etc.

Deposit & Questionnaire Deadline:

April 10, 2011 we will need a \$100 deposit. We have space for 15 on the trip. Once we complete the application/interview process, any who are unable to attend, will receive a refund of their \$100 deposit.



SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

DATE	TOPIC	REMINDERS
4/10 Sun	Who's In? Fundraising Overview	\$100 Deposit Name on Passport Questionnaire
4/17 Sun	<i>Heart</i>	Support Letters/Emails should be sent
4/24 Sun	Easter – No meeting	Follow-up with Supporters
5/1 Sun	<i>Willingness</i>	Approx half of Funds raised \$875
5/8 Sun	<i>Humility</i>	Start getting supplies – see checklist Continue raising funds
5/15 Sun	<i>Listening / Sharing</i>	Final \$875 raised Visit Travel Clinic
5/22 Sun	Prayer	Food list from Mission of Hope Purchase final items Start anti-malarial meds
5/28 Sat	Depart/Arrive in Haiti	
6/3 Fri	Depart/Arrive in Austin	

CHECKLIST

Passport Change to AT&T international plan Spray clothes, sheets – Sawyers Spray (REI) Malaria med Diahria med Pepto Fan – O2Cool battery powered fan (Academy) Batteries Bug repellant – Sawyers (REI) Sun screen Granola bars and snacks Metal or Plastic Refillable Water bottle Cash small bills - \$50 to \$100 Hat Shoes, sox (thorny and rocky) Flip Flops - shower	Kahkis and button shirt (for Sunday) Phone and charger (power same as US) Camera and charger and pc connection Wipes & Sanitizer Work gloves Towel Mosquito net for single bunk bed (Academy) Gatorade drink mix Food list - see list from MoH Sheets - Optional Pillow - Optional Computer - Optional
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Haiti Serving Team Agreement

- We will love God
 - With all our heart, soul, mind and strength
 - Serve Him wholeheartedly
 - Connect with God each day and listen for his guidance
 - Trust in his provision for all things
- We will love People
 - Encourage and build each other up
 - Stay unified and resolve any conflicts quickly
 - Work as a team and follow the lead of our team leader(s)
- We will Build Character
 - Discover, develop and use our spiritual gifts
 - Clothe ourselves in humility
 - Be flexible no matter the circumstance
- We will Be the Body
 - Serve others needs before your own
 - Seek to learn more than you teach
 - Meet physical and spiritual needs
- Other Commitments:
 - Follow Jesus example!
 - Ensure that my trip is fully resourced
 - Attend each meeting and notify team leader of any scheduling conflicts
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BUILDING A SUPPORT TEAM

Why raise your support?

It gives others the opportunity to partner with you in what God is doing. We are building a team of senders and goers.

Suggestions to raise support?

1. Invite God into this process with you and ask Him to guide you through each step.
2. Create a list (spreadsheet) of 25-50 contacts both email and mailing address.
3. Pray about the best contact method, i.e. email or mail.
4. Draft your letter (see samples), include:
 - i. Overview of the organization you are serving with/area you will serve in
 - ii. Trip specifics (trip purpose and goals, how you will serve, with who, for how long)
 - iii. Invitation to be a part of your team as a financial and/or prayer supporter
 - iv. Request that they pray about this opportunity
 - v. Support details: total amount you need to raise, your deadline for receiving these funds, and the process for donating funds.
5. Send your letter to Charles for review/feedback
6. After you receive feedback, email/mail your letter and include the donation slip (also including a self-addressed envelope is highly recommended).

How do I keep track of funds?

As the trip leader, Charles will receive and track funds. All checks are made out to Gateway Community Church and should have your name and the trip name in the memo line. Charles will give update of funds received at each meeting.

How do I involve people in prayer support?

Prayer support can be included as part of the fundraising process or can be done separately. If you do engage people for prayer during fundraising, it is recommend that you also invite 2-3 people to pray for you as you go through the process of making a commitment to this trip. Consider identifying an accountability partner who will support you in this process.

5 Things Not to Do:

1. *Don't rush the letter writing/email process.* This is not a sit down for 15 minutes, put together an email and send it to everyone in your address book. You are building a team and you need time with God to know how He wants you to do this. Allow yourself time for prayer before each step.
2. *Don't get in God's way* by assuming people will resent being asked to be a part of His plans. God calls people to serve in different ways.
3. *Don't make it about you.* "Why would people want to send me on a trip?" Make it about the work that God is doing.
4. *Don't make assumptions* about who can/will give what amount. Often those you assume will contribute the most don't and those you think couldn't possibly afford to do. Let God work out those details.
5. *Don't sell God short.* If He is calling you to participate in His work, He will provide.



SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER

Dear _____,

During the last 12 months, God has taken me on an incredible journey of faith. I am writing to you because I want to share with you about a piece of the journey you could be a part of that will have global impact.

Never would I have imagined that God would want me to take a trip to Haiti. Last year after one of the strongest earthquakes recorded, I began to sense God asking me to pray for the Haitians. Then before I knew it, I was on a plane to help serve those who were hungry, widowed and orphaned. I've been back to Haiti twice since my first visit and have an opportunity to return to serve the poorest-of-the-poor by showing them the love of Christ.

Why am I going and what will I do?

There is an organization in Haiti called Mission of Hope (www.mohhaiti.org) that has been at the center of serving Haitians for over 12 years. Mission of Hope is doing amazing work that includes:

- Feeding 50,000 children each day
- Providing medical care for 100 people each day
- Educating 2,500 kids each year
- Caring for 60 orphans
- Providing a spiritual hub for the community through Church of Hope
- Building 500 homes for families who lost everything in the earthquake

My church, Gateway Church, has partnered with Mission of Hope to serve the spiritual and physical needs of those in Haiti. I'll be right there working with orphans, many who lost parents in the earthquake. I will also work to rebuild homes and schools that will provide a new start for many families who just need a glimpse of hope. Basically, I'll be there to serve as Jesus would serve.

How you can help?

Our team could use prayer support and financial support. Prayer is foundational to this work. The specifics of what we will be doing and how effectively we do it will depend on your prayer. The practical value of financial support is apparent. The trip cost is \$1,750 (of which I am paying \$300) and includes airline fare, ground transportation, food, etc. As a guest of Mission of Hope, we do not want to be a financial burden. Since we will be leaving in about a month, please find enclosed a form to respond with your prayer and/or financial support by May 1.

Thank you so much for reading my letter and thank you for your willingness to consider being a part of my team. Please email or call me with any questions.

Serving together,

Charles

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Dear Friends & Family,

After the earthquake in January of 2010 that devastated the nation of Haiti, I prayed for God to make a way for me to go and serve the people there. Little did I know that at the same time Gateway was called to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those living in Haiti. During the last year, Gateway explored how to use the resources God provided our church in a way that will have long-term, relational and spiritual impact with those God was calling us to serve. Gateway has developed a partnership with Mission of Hope to care for widows, orphans, and those living in extreme poverty.

After all those prayers and waiting, God has made a way for me to go to Haiti (Thank you, Father.). A team from Gateway will be headed to Haiti from May 28th-June 4th (that's only 8 weeks away!) to spend time with the orphans from MOH (Mission of Hope) and to serve orphanages in surrounding villages who don't receive the same degree of care that children at MOH receive. Did you know that 1 out of 5 children die before the age of 5 in Haiti? 50% of all children never attend school. Unemployment for the whole country is at 80% and those that do work make on average \$2 a day. Sometimes we hear statistics like that and think it's hopeless and avoid helping, but there is a mandate on our lives to care for the least of these (Matthew 25:40) & to love others as ourselves. I can't change the world, but I am a mom and I know I can love on some kids and pray for some families.

We will also be doing construction work at two sites where MOH is rebuilding homes and schools in neighboring villages. With funds from Gateway, we've already built 3 new houses for families there. The needs and situation change every day in Haiti, so we will also stay flexible and listen to where & who God might want to lead us to each day.

The main goal is to love on the people of Haiti and to serve them the way Jesus commands us to. I want to be a student of the people of Haiti and really learn how they live and love. I want to see how God our Father lives and loves among them. They are a part of my family the same way you are a part of mine. Jesus prayed that we would be one. We are all a part of the same family and as such, where one of us goes, we all go.

I'd love to carry each of you with me there to Haiti. The cost of the trip is \$1750. Please pray about this and see if God puts it on your heart to help me get there. If he does, you can [send me a check](#) (address below). [Please make checks out to Gateway Community Church.](#) Also, I would very much love to have your prayer support for me while I prepare and while I am there. We can all be a part of God's mercy & redemptive story to this country and to His people there. That is a glorious miracle! It's a wonderful opportunity to see Jesus Christ in action in our world around us.

Dear Father, thank you for letting us have a part to play in your beautiful story of restoration all around the world. Thank you for using us to release your grace and love to everyone. I ask that you would bless the people of Haiti right now, Father. Give them strength, encouragement, food, safety, water, and your love. Keep putting it on the hearts of your children to go and do whatever we can with the gifts you've given us. Help us use our gifts wisely and to live a surrendered life to your Holy Spirit. Bless all our brothers and sisters, Jesus. Help us to be one and to glorify your name all across the earth. Help us live a life worthy of the gospel that we have so freely been given by you (Phil. 1:27). Help us not be asleep to the needs of this world. Help us not be so caught up in our own stuff to reach out to those that need you most in our neighborhoods, our schools, our churches, our cities, country, and our world. I ask, Father, that you would help us grow in our desire to do even greater things than Jesus (John 14:12). Thank you that you love us, Father. Thank you for Jesus and the life & death he modeled for us. Thank you for your Holy Spirit who never gives up and never runs out on us. Thank you for your merciful, never-ending grace. Bless all who read these words, Father, in Jesus' name, amen.

"I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, " that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." - Jesus, John 17:20

All my love,
Karin

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When supporting a team member, please INCLUDE THIS FORM. Thank you!

HAITI SERVING TRIP MAY/JUNE 2011

Date of Trip: May 28 to June 3, 2011

Team Member Name: _____

- I am joining the Haiti Serving Trip team as a sender by contributing financially. My check is enclosed.

- I am joining the Haiti Serving Trip team as a prayer supporter. Please add me to the prayer team and provide me with team updates.

My name is: _____

Address/Email:

To send your tax-deductible financial contribution for this serving trip, please make check **payable to Gateway Church**. On the memo line write the team member's name and HAITI SERVING TRIP. Mail your check WITH THIS FORM to:

Gateway Church
7104 McNeil Dr.
Austin, TX 78729
Attn: Theresa

Thank you for your support of this team and this trip! Contributions to this trip are tax deductible. Contributions will be applied toward serving trip expenses for team members and supplies for the trip. If the individual team member(s) you are supporting withdraws from the trip, your contribution will be applied to the Haiti Serving Trip team rather than being refunded.