



## NYAC Volunteer in Mission Haiti Trip Deposit and Interest Application

**The mission trip team leader will not share this information except as required and related to the trip.**

NAME & LOCATION of PROJECT: *NYAC VIM TRIP TO HAITI*

TRIP DATES: \_\_\_\_\_ **\$150 DEPOSIT RESERVES YOUR SPOT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed form with deposit to: Team Leader (contact leader via email to get mailing address). Checks should be made payable to “MHH United Methodist Frontier Foundation” with Haiti Trip and Date of trip on the memo line.**

**IMPORTANT: Applications are only accepted when dates and team leaders are identified. This form needs to be sent to the team leader identified.**

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Is Haiti a dangerous place to visit?** It is an exciting place and people enjoy meeting with and talking with Americans; however, there are concerns that are real and must be understood and addressed by teams. Haiti has a long history of political and social instability and situations may change rapidly. Team safety is a priority and every precaution is taken to insure that teams are not put in dangerous situations. Diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria, dengue, and HIV-AIDS are prevalent. Here too, every precaution is taken to insure that team members are informed and risks minimized.

**What medications or immunizations will I need?** We recommend that you consult with your doctor or health care provider—especially those who have experience with third-world travel. It is also recommended that you check the Center for Disease Control website.

For VIM trips to a place like Haiti, an anti-malaria medicine is required. Please consult your doctor for the medication that would best suit your needs. A Typhoid inoculation and both the Hepatitis-A and Hepatitis-B series are recommended but not required.

**Is the water and food safe?** Once again, every precaution is taken to insure that no one is exposed to unsafe water or food. While at Furcy we hire Haitian cooks and eat basic Haitian fare, although the cooks try to make it as “American” as possible. The water at the Guest House is treated and when we are off site (i.e. Furcy), bottled water is available for the group.

**Where will I be sleeping?** The conditions in Furcy are primitive with no electricity or running water. Team members sleep on church pews or the church floor, and eating, washing and “showering” is outside. The terrain is rugged and good health and physical preparations are essential.

The Methodist Guest House in Petionville is much more accommodating and we typically begin and end our trip there.

### **HOW CAN I BE PART OF A TEAM?**

Please complete the information above and return it with a deposit of \$150 payable to “MHH United Methodist Frontier Foundation”. Once that is received, you will receive a more comprehensive packet of information. You will be asked to fill out the standard VIM forms, including health forms, medical release, etc. If your team is going to Furcy it is essential that team members be in good physical shape as much of the area is mountainous and travel is often strenuous. Team members must also be flexible, comfortable with uncomfortable living situations, and open to new experiences.

Youth must have completed 9th grade and a parent or guardian must accompany those under 18.

### **HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?**

Trips generally run around \$1,500 (including the \$150 deposit) with the major expenditure being airfare. Individual Volunteers in Mission are expected to cover their own expenses and each team is expected to do some fund-raising for their particular projects.

#### **Payment Schedule:**

- At least four (4) months prior to trip: \$150 Deposit required, accompanying the NYAC VIM Haiti Trip Deposit and Interest Application
- Three (3) months prior to trip: one half of trip cost
- Two (2) months prior to trip: remaining trip cost

### **AM I GUARANTEED A PLACE ON A TEAM?**

Applications are accepted on a first-come basis. The submission of the application form and deposit of \$150 will guarantee your place on a team as long as the team is not already full. With the growing interest in the Haiti mission, it is important that registrations be turned in as early as possible. Once the team is full, applications will be put on a waiting list on first come basis.

Once you are accepted as part of a team you will be expected to attend team meetings. At these meetings important information is shared and general group team building is developed.