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Ready For Departure

*Thank you very much for your willingness to serve
alongside us for lasting change in Haiti!*



Before you go

PASSPORT

All North Americans traveling to Haiti are required to have a passport for entry in to Haiti. Make sure that you pack your passport somewhere safe, yet accessible to show for entry and exit of Haiti. Bring two photocopies of your passport in the rare event that your passport is lost.

MEDICAL KIT

It can be beneficial to bring a small medical kit in your carry-on. Items recommended are chloroquine, any prescription medicines you are taking, Band-Aids, first-aid ointment, diarrhea medication, cold tablets, ibuprofen, insect-bite medication, and prescription antibiotic such as Cipro, Bactrim, or Flagyl.

INSECTS

Extra-strength insect repellents and insecticide sprays are useful for repelling mosquitoes and spraying sleeping quarters. Be sure to place this in your checked baggage.

EMERGENCY

The following are emergency contact numbers to use in case of **travel emergencies**. All other inquiries please call the US Office during normal business hours. *See Country Codes note at the bottom-right of the page.

- Jennifer Beal (US) (407) 314-2779
- Joe McGowen (US) (239) 989-5546
- Elizabeth Billingslea (Haiti) ... (509) 4716-3703
- Marc Lubin (Haiti) (509) 3408-6171

On your day of travel

Please call Jennifer Beal's cell phone if there are any changes/delays in your itinerary.

Once in Haiti

If you have an issue at the airport, please call Elizabeth Billingslea's cell phone.

PERSONAL CHECKLIST

- Passport
- Flashlight
- Personal size water bottle
(1 quart size is recommended, one that can be used all week)
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Old outfit for working/ painting
- Church appropriate outfit
(see Dress Code)
- Pair of comfortable shoes
- Pair of sandals
- Small fan
- Journal & pen
- Bible
- Camera, film, batteries
- Toiletries *(toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo)*
- Towels & washcloths
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Snacks *(Clif bars)*
- Anti-diarrhea medicine
- Small bills *(souvenirs)*
- Personal pillow *(optional)*
- Plastic Mattress Covers *(optional)*

Contact

- US Office (239) 791-8125
- Email.....missiontrips@mohhaiti.org
- Website.....www.mohhaiti.org

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Arrival Flight

When travelling into Port au Prince, you will be asked to fill out a customs declaration form (white) and an immigration form (green). You will need to fill out these forms with a blue or black ink pen. The forms will ask for our Mission of Hope address; it is listed below:

Mission of Hope
777 Route National #1
Titanyen, Haiti

IMMIGRATION

PAP is the international airport located in Port au Prince, Haiti. When you arrive at PAP, you will be directed from your plane to a shuttle that will take you to the immigration stations. At the immigration department, you will be asked for your passport and immigration form. If you did not get an immigration form on the plane, you can get one at the service counter. To insure a smooth transition through the immigration line, please have your passport and completed immigration form readily available for the immigration officer. The immigration officer will give you your passport and the bottom portion of your immigration form (green) back to you.

IMPORTANT! Keep the returned portion of the immigration form (green stub) with your passport and place them in a safe location. **You will need both of these to leave the country.**

BAGGAGE CLAIM

Once you pass through the immigration line, you will be in the baggage claim terminal. If you need carts for your team's luggage, they will be located on your right after you pass through immigration. Each cart is \$2 USD. Please keep your group together in one area and assign two or three people to get the luggage off the carousel for the whole team. We recommend tagging your team's luggage in a unique way for easy identification. For example, tie the same color ribbon on each luggage handle. Once your team has secured its luggage, you can head to the customs checkpoint.

CUSTOMS

Once you have secured your luggage, you will head to the customs checkpoint. Please have your completed customs form (white) readily available for the customs agent. The customs agent will take the form from you and then clear you to leave the airport.

When you pass through customs, you will exit the airport and will need to walk down a gated sidewalk that will guide you to the parking lot. During this walk, there will be many people eagerly wanting to assist you with your baggage. "Assisting" can be defined in many ways by many people. To the locals at the airport, assisting can be defined as simply letting them touch your bags as you push the cart. If you do not wish to have assistance, simply tell them, "No Merci," (Mare – See) which means "No, thank you." However, if you are a team with a large amount of bags and want help, please take advantage of their service but be willing to tip \$1-2 USD per bag. At the end of the sidewalk, a MOH staff

member that speaks English will be waiting for you with either a Mission of Hope t-shirt or sign. He will then escort you to the vehicle and assist you in loading your luggage.

You will then be transported to the MOH campus. The campus is approximately 20 miles north from PAP. Depending on the time of day, the trip can take anywhere from 30 minutes to 1 hour. Once at MOH, you will be taken to the guest house to unpack and prepare for orientation.

Departure Flight

On the day of your departure, a vehicle will be parked in front of the guest house for you to load your luggage. You will leave for the airport approximately 3 hours before your flight departs the PAP airport. Please have your luggage packed and ready to go before then.

IMPORTANT! Have your passport and immigration tag (green stub) with you before you leave MOH. Please let us know if you have lost either before you leave our campus.

PAP AIRPORT DROP-OFF

A driver and MOH representative will transport you to the airport. You will be dropped off in the front of the airport.

Note: *The same locals that wanted to help take your bags to your vehicle when you arrived to Haiti will want to assist you with your bags into the airport. They are there to work and can be helpful. If you want their help, please be prepared to tip them.*

You will need to show your passport before you will be allowed to enter the airport. Once inside the airport, your bags will be screened by PAP airport officials. When you get through the initial security check point, you will then proceed to your airline's counter to check your bags and get your boarding papers.

CUSTOMS

After you check in with your airline, you will proceed to customs where you will show them your passport and immigration tag (green stub). When you pass through customs, you will proceed to another security checkpoint. At this checkpoint, you will be asked for your boarding pass. Everyone will be patted down at this checkpoint.

Note: *You cannot have any liquids at this checkpoint.*

When you clear security, you will take an escalator upstairs to your gate. You will go through an additional security checkpoint for the airlines. Once through, this is where you will wait for your plane. If you have time there are vendors the next floor up where you can purchase food and drinks. They accept cash and credit cards.

FLIGHT HOME

On the flight back to the states you will be given a customs form (always white) to make any declarations for items you purchased in Haiti and are bringing back to the states.

Haiti's culture is one where someone can easily offend another by wearing an inappropriate outfit. Our pastor has requested that in order to respect the culture and be most effective in ministry, we abide by the following dress code. Our staff on the ground reserves the right to ask you to change if you do not comply. We thank you for your understanding in this area!

Dress Code

Please note: No spaghetti straps are to be worn at any time, please wear short sleeved shirts instead.

CHURCH SERVICES, VILLAGE/ORPHANAGE OUTREACH OR VBS (ON OR OFF CAMPUS)

WOMEN

- Skirts, dresses only
- Shoulders, chests and backs must be fully covered
- Knees must be covered
- Footless tights (leggings) can be worn under a dress; however, the dress worn overtop must reach the knees
- No bandanas

MEN

- Wear nice jeans, khaki or dress pants
- Wear a nice dress shirt, collared shirt or nice t-shirt
- Closed toed shoes only
- No shorts, sandals or bandanas are allowed

**** Hats/Sunglasses should be removed indoors

GUESTHOUSE, PAVILLION AND WORKSITES

WOMEN

- Capris are allowed, kness must be covered
- No tight fitting shorts, unless long t-shirt is worn to cover your behind
- Short sleeved shirts are best, though three-finger-width tank tops are OK. *Reminder this is guest house and worksites only.
- Spaghetti straps are not allowed

MEN

- Can wear shorts
- Shirts must always be worn
- Hats/sunglasses are OK
- Tank tops are OK, as long as stomachs are covered

BEACH DAY

WOMEN

- Women need to wear a one-piece suit or a tankini

Contact

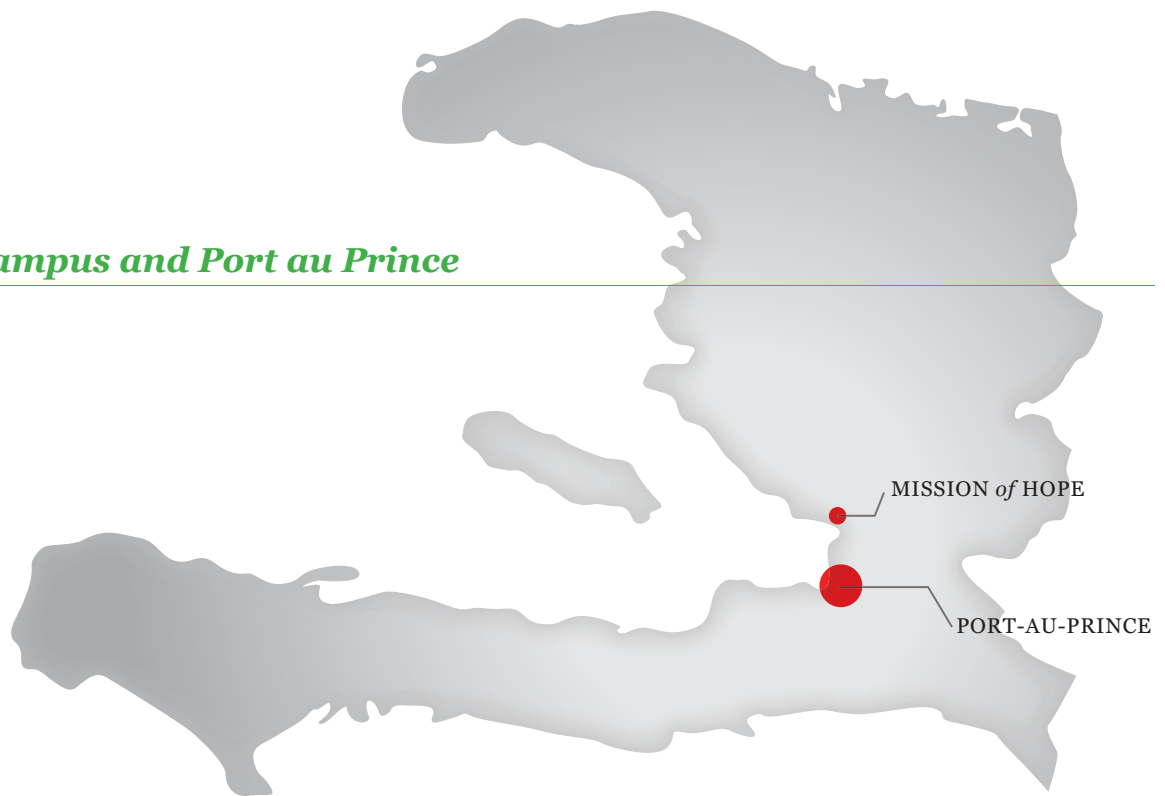
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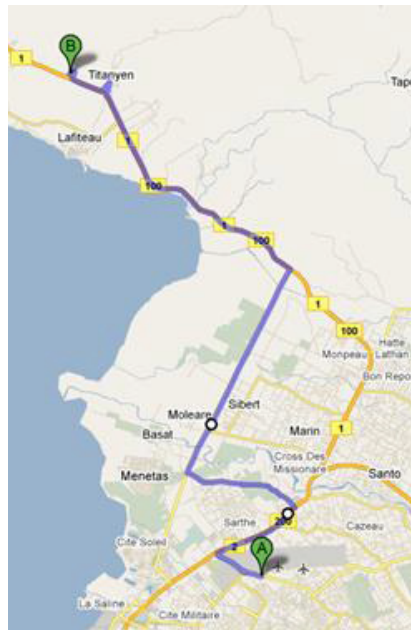
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