



Haiti Mission Project

in partnership with Real Love Ministries

QUICK INFORMATION

Dates: Tuesday July 9 – Tuesday July 16, 2019

Ages: Applicants must be 14 or older

Purpose: To minister to the Haitian people specifically in the area of Minoterie Village by sharing the love of Jesus through the meeting of physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Project(s): Orphanage
School
Work Projects
Widows Ministry
Possible Mobile Medical
Local Evangelism, specifically with children

Applications are available online at: <https://app.managedmissions.com/MissionApplication/Start/14170>

Pay online at: <https://secure.egsnetwork.com/donate/A199809093BC49F>

Cost: \$1,500.00 - \$1,800 per person (final cost will be determined by airfare)

Cost includes: Transportation, Lodging, Meals, Ministry Expenses

Payment Schedule:

February 1st – early application deadline with non-refundable \$200 deposit
March 1st – late application deadline with \$800 due (\$600 if deposit already paid)
May 1st – half of remaining balance due
June 1st – final balance due

Travel: We will make travel arrangements from your nearest airport.

EMC Youth Mission Team

July 9-16 2019



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Mission

To minister to the Haitian people beginning in the village of Lafiteau seeking to share the love of Jesus with each individual and discipling those who know Jesus as Savior. Our approach is holistic ministry by ministering to the needs of the total person: physical, emotional and spiritual.

Vision

As an organization following Jesus Christ, we exist is to bring love and life transformation to every man, woman, and child in Haiti. In our ministry, we desire to serve the nation of Haiti, and to see lives changed. Our passion is to see the hopeless find hope through Jesus Christ and empower future generations to bring Haiti out of poverty.

ENGAGE – Building relationships through Christ’s love.

EQUIP – Providing resources to meet physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

EMPOWER – Creating opportunities to sustain change.

Key Ministries:

Orphanage/Creche

Widows Mite

Real Love Academy

Real Love Medical Clinic & Mobile Medical Clinics

Clean Water Ministry

Home & Facilities Construction

Marketplace Ministry

Launching:

- Church Plant (currently meeting on front porch of orphanage)
- Sustainability Projects

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Projects

Orphanage

Growing up in one of the world's most impoverished nations presents many challenges to surviving let alone, thriving. Many children are abandoned to the streets of Haiti or live in very dire circumstances. The orphanage at *Real Love Ministries International* has been at the heart of what we do since the beginning. Starting in a rental house with 7 children, we can now provide a home up to 64 children in a brand-new facility that sits on our ministry campus in Minoterie/Laffiteau. Presently, we provide a loving home life to 15 children. The campus was once a garbage field that God has transformed to a place of love and hope for our children and for many others served by our ministry!

Here, at our orphanage the children are well-fed, cared for and have their physical, emotional and spiritual needs met by a loving staff. The children attend school and church and fill their free time with fun, engaging activities at our home. It is our goal to equip them to be servant leaders that will empower a new and vibrant Haiti.

We will be spending extended time with these children during our trip, loving and caring for them and becoming a part of their family!

Widows Ministry

This ministry began in 2015 after a visiting medical team from the US observed many widows coming into our clinics weak, malnourished and in poor health. Their stories were heart-breaking. Many went days without food and fainted frequently. Those fortunate enough to have living children (or other family) were the last to get food. Food was first rationed to the children then parents leaving only a few scraps for the hungry widow. Compounding the problem, the widows were elderly, blind or disabled and had no way of supporting themselves. A decision was then made according to the command in James 1:27 to find a way to care for these "suffering saints".

Each widow was visited in their home hugged, listened to, encouraged, prayed for and given a promise "we'll be back". From there a food program was begun not only providing food to alleviate their physical hunger but, fellowship for their loneliness, medical care and hope through Jesus Christ to relieve their sorrow. In addition to food we have provided: clothing, shoes, blankets, shelter, Bibles, chickens, goats, cows, turkeys, seeds for community gardens, sewing machines with fabric-- you name it we have collected and sent it! We are also addressing other needs that our widows have, like housing and access to clean water. Today, we support about 40 widows in the villages of Minoterie, Belladere, and Thomazeau while looking to support more as our funding increases.

Medical Clinic

Access to healthcare is limited throughout all of Haiti, but especially, in its rural areas. Our mobile clinics provide emergency and urgent medical care to the people of Minoterie, Thomazeau, Belladere and the island of LaGonave. Our mission teams of medical professionals and support volunteers normally see 150-200 patients in a day on our visits.

While this medical care may provide for urgent needs, it does not address the greater problem of providing a continuum of care for the people of Haiti. RLMI has been blessed with a building that was intended to be operated as a medical clinic by the former Haitian government but, it was never occupied. The local mayor has entrusted this asset with RLMI to open and operate a primary care clinic in the Village of Minoterie, in Laffiteau. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide consistent and continuing healthcare for proper disease management of conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, and proper maternity and neonatal care that give Haitian people the shortest lifespan in the Western Hemisphere.

The *Real Love Medical Clinic* will be a base for providing effective medical care and community health initiatives for Laffiteau and the surrounding region, as well as providing a base for more consistent care in the outlying areas of Thomazeau, Belladere, and LaGonave. We will be recruiting US led teams to provide quarterly clinics to each of these areas, providing refills of medications they are currently taking, addressing ongoing disease state management, and addressing any new concerns these patients may have. This will all be made possible by a record keeping system for medical records and prescription profiles for each person under Real Love's care. This is an unheard-of level of care in the rural areas of Haiti in which we serve and will empower the people to remain healthy to pursue the new initiatives of culture changing sustainability.

Construction

We welcome teams of skilled and unskilled laborers to help build the infrastructure of this ministry and new homes for widows and family. There are construction opportunities at our growing ministry campus in Minoterie. In an effort to create jobs and support sustainability in Haiti, we hire Haitian contractors and workers for our projects. Visiting teams help fund these projects and provide volunteer assistance. It is a great opportunity for us to serve with our friends in Haiti. We can use carpenters, contractors, masons, electricians, plumbers, and everyone else who thinks they know what they are doing or doesn't know. Really, we can use everyone!

Real Love Academy

Education is an important key for a sustainable future for our children and for Haiti. There is no free, public education system in Haiti. Schools in Haiti operate on tuition and outside support. With average income hovering around \$2/day, many Haitians cannot afford the nominal tuition costs to send their children to school. Many do not attend consistently or at all.

Real Love Academy, started in 2017, provides an affordable, quality education option for the families of Laffiteau and surrounding area. The focus of our curriculum is knowledge, character-development and leadership in a Christian environment to unleash the potential of each of our children. RLA will educate our own children at the orphanage as well as those from the local villages. A small tuition contribution is requested as an investment in their education. However, it will not be a reason for a child to not attend school.

For the 2018-19 academic year, we have 3 Pre-K/Kindergarten classes and 1-4th grades. Additional grades will continue to be added through high school graduation including trade school programs. This

is a much-needed resource to prepare our own children, as well as those living in the village, for adulthood and to be leaders. It is vital to our efforts to empower the Haitian people.

Church Plant

At the core of all we do is presenting and representing Jesus Christ to the beautiful people of Haiti. While the physical needs of the people are significant, they share the most important need any of us has--a growing relationship with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Planting a church is at the heart of our ministry's vision. This church will be our ongoing representation of Jesus Christ in Haiti. It will undergird everything we do. Currently, a group of children and adults gather on the front porch of our orphanage at our ministry campus. Every Wednesday night, they meet for worship and Bible Study. It is out of this group that we will plant a church that's mission is to reach all especially, those considered unreachable.

To support this effort, we are engaging in:

- Evangelism: We partner with Pastor Calix and the *Church of God Ebenezer* in the village of Minoterie, as well as our Church plant family, to evangelize the community and surrounding villages with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We do this through home visits, prayer walks, crusade-style worship, and prostitute restoration ministry.
- Spiritual Formation: We host discipleship training and pastor/leadership training.

Sustainability Projects & Marketplace Ministry

RLMI has a long-term goal of creating a sustainable economy for our ministry and the surrounding area of Laffiteau and beyond. We understand, that for Haitians to change their present circumstances, they must have renewable resources to sustain a better way of life. Food, energy, and jobs must be sustained in a way that continues to provide this opportunity to the people of Haiti for many generations to come.

We have in our vision to encourage entrepreneurs to launch businesses and offer job-training and skill-development programs. We also want to provide micro-loans for small businesses as a means of family support and job creation.

Clean Water

Much of all sickness in Haiti can be related back to unhealthy water sources for the people. It is our goal to provide access to clean, safe drinking water in the villages we serve. It is our intent to partner with other ministries with expertise in clean water provision to discern the most effective method as each village presents its own unique challenges to securing clean, safe drinking water. In 2018, we were excited to launch our Clean Water Ministry in partnership with *Wine To Water* and *First Presbyterian Church* both of Boone, NC. This ministry will provide individual water filters to be used in the home to provide a source of clean water for drinking and cooking.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

With each ministry team that comes, we spend the few advance months, preparing and equipping our teams to present and represent Jesus Christ in Haiti. What will this look like? This will look like teams going to construct ministry buildings and houses. This will look like medical teams going to serve the sick and afflicted in the villages of Haiti. This will look like a team of people ministering to the children by teaching them in the schools. This will look like a team of people loving and caring for the children in the orphanage. This will look like a team of teachers and preachers reaching the villages of Haiti with the loving message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This will look like Jesus helping to give the prostitutes of Haiti a new start on life. This will look like **YOU** on mission in Haiti!

Your week in Haiti will forever leave an indelible mark on your heart and grow your passion for living out the Great Commandment in your everyday life back home. You will also leave an indelible mark on the hearts of Haitians you serve. Together, we will Engage and Equip the people of Haiti to Empower them to sustain change in their own life and in the life of their country. Thank you for your willingness to step out and step up!!

But, your opportunity does not end with this one week. We certainly hope that you will return often to serve as many do. Also, we invite you to sustain the work that you are doing with monthly financial gifts to *Real Love Ministries International* and consistent prayer on our behalf. Finally, we encourage you to be our ambassador, telling your story and our story, inviting others to join the great work that God is doing through *RLMI*! Before you leave, we will tell you how you can be a part of our *Give & Go* efforts!

Website: reallovehaiti.org

Facebook

RLMI: <https://www.facebook.com/RealLoveMinistriesInternational/>

Real Love Academy: <https://www.facebook.com/Real-Love-Academy-194388554382577/>

Widow's Mite: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1221200007908844/>

Twitter: [@reallove_haiti](https://twitter.com/reallove_haiti)

Instagram: [reallove_haiti](https://www.instagram.com/reallove_haiti)

Cost Analysis

Trip Cost: \$1000 + Airfare per person

Cost Includes: Team Expenses (Transportation, Lodging, Meals, etc.) and Ministry Projects

In the event of cancellation of the trip by an individual or by us, RLMI will adhere to the following guidelines:

- **Airfare:** once the ticket is booked; refunds, changes and credits will be according to airline policies. The individual or team may recruit a replacement team member. RLMI will not be responsible for any cancellation or change fees related to an unused or transferred ticket or flight cancellations.
- **Team Expenses/Ministry Projects:** If an individual withdraws from the trip, no money will be refunded. The individual may request to transfer the money to another trip, donate the money to the team or another team member, or give to a replacement team member. Approving a transfer will be at the sole discretion of RLMI. RLMI will cancel a trip if conditions in Haiti warrant it or other extenuating circumstances exist. Regardless of the reason for cancellation by the individual or RLMI, any funds already expensed in support of the trip, will be considered a donation to the ministry and will be receipted as such.
- RLMI will do what it can to accommodate team members regarding trip cancellations however, it is not in position to make people whole. Therefore, team members should approach the trip with a mindset of supporting ministry and not as one making a purchase of a travel package.
- For those wishing to protect their financial investment, you are welcome to investigate the numerous trip and flight insurance options available in the marketplace at your own cost.

Payments:

A payment schedule will be set for each team.

Online: Use the link on our website (Haiti Missions Trips page) or on your Team Site on Managed Missions.

By Mail or Bank Bill Pay:

RLMI

P.O. Box 846

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Mark "Your Team" in the Memo/Comment

Note: Either of these methods can be used by those wishing to donate towards your trip. Tell them to list "Your Team Name/Your Name" in the Memo/Comment.

Important: Please check with your group leader as some teams will collect their money "in-house" (for example your church) and then transfer the funds to RLMI as a group payment.

Other Individual Expenses:

Passport Fees

Personal Supplies (see “What To Bring” list)

Trip Meds & Vaccines (see “Trip Checklist”)

Souvenirs (\$1 bills)

Beach or Mountain Trip \$25.00

Optional Expenses:

Restaurant meals. Poze Poze, Lafito Grill & Fleri are just some of the nearby eating establishments serving Haitian and American food.

Tip for Ministry Staff

Trip/Out-of-Country Insurance can be purchased through a provider linked to Managed Missions or other providers.

Fundraising Information:

The best fundraising opportunity is to send out the “Fundraising Letter”. It is important to send the letter to all family, friends, co-workers, etc. as soon as possible to meet payment deadlines. Please focus on people that you know outside of your church to solicit funds. The church family may be participating in other fundraising opportunities for your whole team. Therefore, we do not want to over tax the same people. If you have family members in the church, then feel free to send them the letter as one of your family members. Other fundraising opportunities may be available/scheduled by your Team Leaders.

An example of a Fundraising Letter follows on the next page. Please adapt this to fit your particular individual/team situation.

Sample Funds Request Letter

<Team Name>

<date>

Dear <recipient>,

I'd like to share with you about an exciting opportunity I have to serve God in one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere, Haiti. I anticipate this being a life-changing experience for the people we meet, as well as for myself and those who support this mission trip through prayer and finances.

From <beginning date> until <ending date> I will be in Haiti with a team from <church/group name> to work with *Real Love Ministries International*. Our team will focus our mission efforts in the village of Minoterie, which is approximately thirty miles north of Port Au Prince and possibly 3 other villages. The focus of our trip is to Engage and Equip the people to Empower them to sustain change in their own life and in the life of their country. Our ultimate goal is to share the real love of Jesus Christ with them.

Real Love Ministries International has the support of the Haitian government in their endeavors, which include a school, a church plant, medical clinics, orphanage, widows' ministry and much more. *Real Love Ministries International* seeks to share the love of Jesus with each individual and discipling those who know Jesus as Savior.

I'd like to ask you to pray. Please consider becoming a prayer partner of this mission effort during the preparation and trip. Pray for our spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional preparedness for our encounters. Pray for safety and the accomplishing of God's purposes. Pray for the Haitians - that they will see the love of Jesus through us and be touched in some way. I will be glad to provide you with updates and more information about *Real Love Ministries International* and Haiti if you are interested. You may visit their website at reallovehaiti.org

Secondly, I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a financial sponsor of this trip by contributing as the Lord leads you. I will need \$____ for transportation, lodging, meals, ministry projects, etc. We are actively involved in fundraising now. A contribution of any amount will be greatly appreciated. If you are led to respond in this way, please make checks payable to <churchname> with Haiti - <your name> in the memo line to ensure a tax-deductible contribution. (Note: you are welcome to provide RLMI's address or website link for donations in place of your church. Please consult your group leader as to how your team's finances are being managed.)

Mail to: <church name & address>

Your role as a prayer partner or financial sponsor is as important in God's purposes in Haiti as my role of going. Thank you for letting me share with you what will be one of the most meaningful experiences of someone's life.

In His service,

<name>

<phone number>

<email address>

<https://reallovehaiti.org>

What To Bring

MUST TAKE

Passport-if you do not already have one that is more than 6 months from expiring please begin the application/re-application process immediately.

Bible

Comfortable walking closed toed shoes

Sandals

Hand Sanitizer and/or cleansing wipes

Personal toiletries, Washcloths & Towels

Sunscreen and mosquito repellent

Backpack and Personal water bottle

Set of twin sheets, pillow

Large garbage bags (2)

Enough of your prescription medications to last 2 weeks

Ministry project tools and supplies

1 Jar of Peanut Butter and 2 cans of chips (Pringles, Lays, etc.)

OPTIONAL

Journal

Personal snacks

Hat, cap or visor

Hard-toed work shoes/boots

Bandana or towels to wipe sweat

Sunglasses

Swimsuit (no bikinis, must be modest)

Beach towel

Handheld or personal fan (with water sprayer for ultimate effect)

Camera

Flashlight & batteries

Ear plugs (strongly recommended)

Pictures of family

\$1.00 bills for souvenirs

Gold Bond powder (to prevent chafing)

Tylenol/Ibuprofen OTC

Medical Needs for Trip

1. Malaria: You can pre-treat with Chloroquine or Doxycycline Hyclate or you can get the medication to treat an infection if you are infected. The key is being prepared to prevent mosquito bites with plenty of repellent devices.
2. Typhoid: You can be treated with Typhoid Vaccine or oral vaccine for this trip.
3. Tetanus: Make sure your tetanus shot is up to date before the trip.
4. Hep A vaccine optional. Hep B for medical team workers.
5. These vaccines should be given as soon as possible as some may require 2 to 4 weeks or more to be effective with your immune system. Consult with your medical provider on these and other recommendations.

Flight Information

Packing: (Please check the airline's website and related links for up-to-date information and regulations on checked & carry-on luggage and personal items.)

- When you are packing you should remember to pack one suitcase for you and **one suitcase reserved for team ministry supplies if so required**
- Put your name and address on the inside and outside of your suitcases (Identify it!)
- We recommend using duct tape (same color for entire team) on the outside labeled RLMI or Real Love Ministries. This makes it easy to identify at the baggage claim.
- Carry-on: we suggest one day's worth of clothes, medicine, valuables, and other necessary items.
- Customs Forms: You will be required to fill out two forms going to Haiti. We will provide necessary information for you to complete the forms for Haiti. We recommend getting the Mobile Passport App provided by USCIS for quicker processing when returning to the U.S.
- Miscellaneous Information:
 - Please do not joke with the airlines/customs officials. Answer them yes sir or ma'am. They take their jobs seriously and you do not want to spend your week with them.

Haiti Mission Trip Rules

1. You shall not forget that you represent the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. You shall not expect that things will be the same as they are at home. Stay flexible.
3. You shall not take minor things too seriously.
4. You shall not judge all Haitians by one person.
5. You shall not let other group members get on your nerves.
6. You shall not worry. Few things people worry about are ever fatal.
7. Remember your passport. A person without documents is a person without a country.
8. Blessed is the person who says "thank you" in any language.
9. When in Haiti do as the Haitians do.
10. Remember, you are a guest in Haiti. He who treats his host with respect shall be treated as an honored guest.

While You Are In Haiti

- Please love on as many people as possible.
- Share the Gospel and your personal testimony while traveling to and from Haiti and while in country.
- Please journal each night because by the end of the week you may forget details of your experiences that you would like to remember.
- Be careful not to make commitments to help people that you do not plan on following through with when you return home. Do not give out your telephone # or email.
- Adhere to the giving policy guidelines.
- Please smile when you do not know what to say and seek out an interpreter.
- Get to know your team. Especially those team members that you do not know well.
- Please drink a lot of the purified bottled water.
- Do not drink or brush your teeth with the tap water.
- Be on time. When you are late it makes the rest of the team wait on you.

- Be kind when you are taking pictures. It is always best to ask before taking a picture.
- If someone asks you for anything, please check with a staff member for advice.
- Remember not to be exclusive in your relationship(s) while in Haiti. If your boyfriend/girlfriend/spouse is on the team, then make every effort to interact with the entire team.
- Refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest with a national or teammate. The Haitians you will be working with also have guidelines they must adhere to. If you pursue them, then you can put their job in jeopardy.
- The food is very good and is safe to eat so please eat enough so you will stay healthy.
- Remember that spiritual warfare is very real. Do not neglect your personal prayer and devotion time.

Tips For Returning Home

- Don't expect too much from other people who did not go on the trip. Chances are they won't be as excited as you are about Haiti.
- Honor the sacrifices that your family made for you to be able to come. Don't return home and immediately talk about returning to Haiti.
- When people ask about your trip, share briefly.
- Be careful about judging others. Not everyone has experienced life in an impoverished country, so please do not judge them for the way they eat or how they spend their time or money. Live out loud by your example.
- Be prepared for a mild depression. You may really miss Haiti and your teammates, and many times people get the blues for a few days when they get home.
- Please tell people the good things about Haiti. They probably have heard about all the bad things.
- Try to stay in touch with some people from your team.
- Please contact those people that prayed for you and supported your trip financially.
- Develop some realistic goals for yourself when you return home.
- Don't bore people with your pictures or videos. Allow them to ask you for information about your trip.
- You cannot take any food, live plants, or animals back home with you.
- Allow God to further develop your Christian worldview as you return to the U.S.
- Give God the glory for what you experienced.

Theme Bible Verses

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV): Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And, surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Romans 15:1-2 (MSG): Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?"

Romans 10:12-15: There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of ALL, who gives richly to all who call on Him. All who call on the Lord's name will be saved. So, how can they call on someone they don't have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of. And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.

Creole Lesson

Alo

Hello!

Bonjour

Good Morning!

Bonswa

Good Evening!

Orevwa

Goodbye

Mwen relle

My name is...

Koman ou ye?

How are you?

Byen

Good!

E ou mem?

And you?

Wi

Yes

Non

No

Pa fe sa

Don't do that!

Fe back

Step back.

Eskise mwen

Excuse me.

Mwen ka ede ou

Can I help you?

Ki laj ou

How old are you?

Ou fe mal

Do you feel bad?

Jezi renmen ou

Jesus love you!

La jwa senye a se fos mwen

The joy of the Lord is my strength

Facts About Haiti

- Haiti is one of the most densely populated regions in the Western Hemisphere and makes up 10,714 square miles of the western third of Hispaniola, the second-largest island in the Caribbean. It's near the center of the West Indies, about 594 miles south of Florida and 280 miles north of Venezuela. It was discovered by Christopher Columbus on December 6, 1492 while he was on his voyage to the New World. Haiti contains a few remaining cloud-forested mountains and some fertile river valleys, although much of the countryside suffers from desertification and erosion. It has two large peninsulas, the northern and southern claws. Haiti is a much-needed mission field.
- 95% of the people are of African descent, 5% are mulatto and European descent.
- The official religion of Haiti is Catholicism, which embraces about 80% of the population. The practiced religion of many Haitians is voodoo. Voodoo is essentially the worship of Satan and his angels. Approximately 16% of Haiti is Protestant.
- 50% of the population does not get enough food to eat daily. Rice and beans are the staple foods of the Haitian people.
- Haiti has an 85% unemployment rate. Daily minimum wage is \$2.50 US. It is very difficult to live on such a small wage.
- Haiti has no public transportation system. Taxis, Tap-Taps (small pick-up trucks) and Motos are privately owned and are not big enough to meet all the needs of the population. For this reason, many people walk where they need to go.
- Approximately 60% of Haiti's population is under the age of 25. The main language spoken is Creole. Average temps for June: High-94; Low-74.
- More information can be found in the CIA's World Factbook available online.