



Mission Trip Hosting

SMI Haiti provides mission trip hosting for groups from 15-35 individuals (smaller or larger groups may be accommodated under certain circumstances). The following services are included in the hosting package:

Support Personnel

SMI provides a group leader and a cook for each group. The group leader will work with your team leader to insure that the supplies that are needed for your project are available and will serve as the intermediary between your group and the Haitian support personnel. The group leader will be familiar with procedures necessary when ministering in Haiti and with the Haitian culture. SMI group leaders have all traveled to Haiti numerous times and have participated in various mission projects. The cooks also have extensive experience cooking in Haiti and preparing for large groups.

Lodging

Lodging is provided at the 12,000 sf SMI mission house in Guitton which is 35 miles north of Port Au Prince. Sleeping arrangements are dormitory style with separate rooms for men and women. The men's and women's restrooms each have three toilets, three showers and two sinks. There are two smaller rooms with a connecting restroom and another room that sleeps two. Sheets and towels are provided. A living room, dining room and spacious kitchen are found on the first floor of the mission house.

Food, Water, Ice, Pop

SMI provides American quality food prepared by a cook who comes to Haiti with the group. Most of the food is brought from the states with the group. You will be provided with a list of supplies to purchase and bring with you. You will be reimbursed for this expense. The group is responsible for the expense of packing and bringing the supplies to Haiti. Baggage fees can change at any time so you will need to check with the airline about current fees. It is up to the group to determine how to pack to minimize luggage charges. Great care is taken to insure that the food is handled properly to minimize the possibility of foodborne illness. Culligan water and ice, coffee, drinks such as lemonade and iced tea, and soft drinks are provided.

Airport Assistance

Sample immigration and customs forms will be provided to the group leader. Upon arrival each individual will be responsible for paying the \$10 tourist tax and then passing through immigration. Once the group is in the baggage claim area, the SMI group leader and cook will provide assistance. They will oversee claiming luggage, paying any customs fees and exiting the airport. They will lead the group through the secured airport area to the waiting transportation.

Transportation

Transportation is provided between the airport and the mission house and between the mission house and the project site.

Security

SMI employs 1-2 Haitians to provide security for the group when traveling and at the mission house.

Translators/Co-workers

SMI employs 6-8 translators/co-workers (depending on the size of the group). These Haitians work alongside the Americans providing translation services and serving as a liaison between the group and the Haitian community.

Ministry Opportunity / Project Coordination

SMI will work with the group leader to determine the activities your group will participate in such as construction, vbs, field days for students, youth camps, discipleship training, etc. A mission opportunity can be provided which fits the make-up and desires of your group. There will also be a ministry opportunity such as food or clothing distribution in a local village. Each group is responsible to cover the cost for their ministry projects. The SMI group leader will work with your team leader to make proper preparations to insure the success of your trip.

Recreation Time

SMI will provide the opportunity for the group to spend several hours at a local beach resort where they can enjoy time in the pool or ocean or just relaxing on the beach. They will also have an opportunity to purchase gifts and souvenirs.

Insurance

Included in the cost is an insurance policy providing coverage for emergency medical care and emergency evacuation should it be necessary. Individuals will have the opportunity to purchase trip insurance if they desire.

Information Booklet

If desired, SMI will provide a booklet containing information on Haiti, what to expect, what to bring, etc. Some parts of the booklet can be customized to meet your group's needs.

For more information about SMI's group hosting program and for pricing please contact Kit Brunson (kit@smihaiti.org, 317-496-4622). To see what dates might be available visit our website www.smihaiti.org and click on the calendar.