

Haiti

Earthquake Disaster Response



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Team #753

Individual Open Team

September 18-25, 2010

Where Are We Going?

On January 12, 2010 a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck just outside of Port-au-Prince, the capital city of Haiti. It is currently believed that more than 230,000 people were killed as a direct result of the earthquake and over one million are displaced, making Haiti the largest refugee camp in the world.



Photo by Daniel Combes

Haiti's population of orphans was over 400,000 prior to the quake; one can only imagine how many vulnerable children there are now.



Upon returning from Haiti recently, FEI President and Founder, Joe Anfuso, remarked that this disaster was significantly "larger than any he had ever seen". The IDB estimated rebuilding costs to be upwards of \$14 billion. When viewed in relation to

the size of Haiti's population and economy, this earthquake will most likely be the most destructive natural disaster in modern times.

Forward Edge believes that **where there is great need, there is great opportunity!** Through our partnerships with local leaders and church pastors, FEI is showing up to serve where we are needed most. Family doctors, pediatricians, physical therapists, nurses and other medical personnel are needed to serve on teams in PaP and Jacmel, a small community south of PaP. Others are needed to help sort food, tarps and hygiene kits for distribution among the displaced in Carrefour and to minister to the children in the nearby girl's home. And still others are needed to serve alongside the Haitians in Jacmel to help erect temporary shelters and permanent homes while ministering to the local children.

Thank you for helping us bring hope and encouragement to this country in desperate need.

For More Information:

Please contact **Amy Bogdon**, Forward Edge Team Coordinator for **Haiti** at **360.574.3343** or **amy@forwardedge.org**

One of the many refugee camps in Haiti.

Everyone
should have
an
opportunity
to change a
LIFE.



You can help bring hope!

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Come to the Edge...
where you will discover in a deeper
way who God is, who you are and
what God can do through you.

What Will We Be Doing?

Teams will be given the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways, both relationally and physically. The need in Haiti is great, and teams should expect to do anything related to disaster relief and protecting and encouraging vulnerable children. Projects will be determined on a variety of criteria, but the primary deciding factor will be going where the need is greatest.

Where Will We Stay?

Teams will be lodging at various locations in Port-au-Prince, Carrefour, and/or Jacmel. The facilities in these areas are much more rustic than typical American standards. Team members will need to be prepared for a much more extreme environment than they are used to. Individuals volunteering in Haiti will need to bring a sleeping bag, sleeping pad, mosquito net and towel. Certain groups will need to bring their own tents to guarantee a roof over their head.

What's Our Schedule?

You will fly into Port-au-Prince. Typically teams arrive on a Saturday. After orientation that evening, teams will attend church on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon will be a day of rest and preparation for the upcoming week. Monday through Friday the team will work on various projects. After debriefing on Friday, the team will return home Saturday.

What Will It Cost?

The fee of **\$675** covers food, lodging and ground transportation in Haiti. Practical preparatory materials, an experienced on-site facilitator and complete logistical coordination are also included.

Passport/Travel Documents

Haiti requires a *passport* valid for at least 6 months. A visa is not required for entry. FEI requires each team member to carry a travel insurance policy that will cost approximately \$20-25 per person.

Preparation

As soon as Forward Edge receives completed applications, we'll send you a team pack: T-shirt, training materials and information about Haiti. Please note: FEI strongly recommends that each team member checks with his or her doctor before embarking. We recommend current shots for **Tetanus and Typhoid and medication for Malaria**. Team members may also want to consider **vaccinations for Hepatitis A & B, Meningitis or HINI**. **Again consult with your physician for the most up to date immunization recommendations.**

Need More Information?

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IMPORTANT DATES

June 21, 2010:

Coordination Agreement, Application, Liability Release Forms and \$300 deposit DUE.

August 11, 2010:

Final Payment of \$375.00 DUE.

September 6, 2010:

Proof of Travel Insurance Due



A young boy beams as he holds the hand of a team member.

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Team #753 Coordination Agreement

It has been agreed by (**Applicant's Name**) _____ that **Forward Edge International (FEI)** shall proceed in securing a reservation and making arrangements for the Individual on a short term mission team (**Team # 753**) to: (**Haiti**).

Trip Dates: September 18th – 25th

Team Fee: \$675

Due Dates:

June 21, 2010: \$300 Non-refundable deposit due with Coordination Agreement, application, release forms

August 11, 2010: \$375.00 Final Payment

TOTAL \$675.00

Please initial that you have read and agree to the following statements:

_____ I understand the team fee includes food, lodging and transportation on-site, an experienced facilitator, practical preparatory materials and logistical coordination. It does not include transit expenses to location, such as airfare, or medical insurance.

_____ It is agreed that a non-refundable fee of **\$300** shall be paid to FEI that will be used towards the total team fee identified above.

_____ The team fee payments are accepted in two payments. Payment dates are identified at the top of this agreement. Final payment needs to be received no later than 30 days prior to departure. Payments may be made online at www.forwardedge.org. Please **identify your name, team number and amount** in the fee box next to "team fees" on the donation page.

_____ **For cancellations made less than 10 days prior to the departure date, team fees are non-refundable.**

_____ The fee applies only to the destination and time period mentioned above.

_____ I agree to cover the required training materials provided by FEI. It is strongly recommended that each team member adequately prepare themselves for the mission trip experience.

_____ *FEI is a Christian organization; we welcome participation from people of other Christian traditions. We have found such relationships to be beneficial to all involved, provided they approached with sensitivity. Our field partnerships are with indigenous Christians—usually churches—and it is important to our ongoing work that team members be sensitive to their beliefs as well as to their culture. Please read and consider our statement of faith. If you feel that you can work side by side with us, we welcome you to join us in our humanitarian endeavors.*

_____ I have read and agree to work according to FEI's Statement of Faith listed below:

1. We believe in God the Father, who through Christ created the heavens and earth, who is perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, measureless in power.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, fully God and fully man, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, sinless in this life, making atonement for the sins of the world by His death on the cross.
3. We believe in His resurrection, His ascension into heaven, and His high-priestly intercession for His people that they may experience full salvation and His indwelling presence.
4. We believe in His personal, visible return to earth according to His promise.
5. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead, sent to convict the world of sin, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower those who believe in Jesus Christ.
6. We believe that all people by nature and by choice are sinners, but that God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
7. We believe that those who put their faith in Christ as Lord and Savior will rejoice in God's presence for eternity, but those who refuse to put their trust in Him will be forever separated from Him.
8. We believe that the Bible is God's Word, divinely and uniquely inspired, absolutely trustworthy, and having supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

9. We believe in the Church, the body of Christ, of which Christ Himself is the Head, and of which all regenerated people are members.
10. We believe that Christ commissioned the Church to proclaim the gospel in word and deed throughout the world, to encourage believers in the faith, and to teach and train believers in the principles of godly, fruitful living.

_____ I understand FEI's Core Values listed below and agree to uphold them as I prepare and travel with Forward Edge:

Grace Not Works. We believe the message of Jesus means all people everywhere can have an intimate relationship with God based entirely upon His unmerited favor (grace), not their good works.

Relationships are Critical. We believe people are more important than tasks or programs. Relationships – with God and others – are the spiritual core of the Christian life.

Every Christian a Minister. We believe God has given every Christian special gifts and abilities, and that He intends to use each of us in unique and significant ways to further His purposes.

Unity Among Believers. We believe unity and cooperation among believers is more important than agreement on peripheral doctrine. In matters of doctrine, we seek to major in the majors and minor in the minors.

God Uses Ordinary People. We believe the mission of the church will be accomplished by ordinary people, not a handful of super-gifted leaders.

Servant Leadership. We believe Christian leaders are first and foremost servants. Their focus should be equipping *other Christians* for ministry.

God is Always at Work. We believe God is always at work in the world around us, and that seeming “detours” from our plans – whether on mission trips or in our everyday lives – are often His way of introducing HIS plan.

_____ I agree to uphold FEI's Code of Conduct personally and with the team while on location.

Forward Edge is committed to cultural and spiritual sensitivity at each of its locations. Therefore all employees, volunteers and team members must agree to withhold from any activity that may compromise the overall relationships and effectiveness of its service while on location. In general, all employees, volunteers and team members are asked to refrain from alcohol consumption, drug use, questionable or vulgar language, public displays of affection or any other culturally offensive behavior while on location with the team.

Team Member

Forward Edge International

By _____
Signature,

By 
Team Coordinator

Date _____

Date _____

The following address and contact information will be used in all future communication. If this is not correct, please make any required changes on this agreement before returning it to us. Contact us at **360.574.3343** with any questions.

Team member:

Please sign and return this Coordination Agreement with a \$300.00 check to:

Address

Forward Edge International

Phone

15121-A NE 72nd Avenue

E-mail

Vancouver, WA 98686.1928



Haiti Individual Application

I am
applying
for:

Date of Trip: _____

Destination: _____

Team Number: _____

Included with this application is my non-refundable first payment of \$300.00 which I have paid* : with a check online through the FEI Website

**The non-refundable deposit will be used towards your team*

fees.

Full Name (as it appears on your Passport or Driver's License): _____

Preferred Name: _____

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<http://www.facebook.com/forwardedge>
<http://twitter.com/ForwardEdge>

personal
information

Passport Number: _____

Issue Date: _____

Issuing Country: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Birth Date: _____

Gender: M F

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number (Home): _____

Phone Number (Cell): _____

E-mail Address: _____

How did you hear about Forward Edge? (Please be Specific) _____

Marital Status: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

T-shirt Size (unisex adult sizes – please select): S M L KL KL

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Are any family members traveling with you on this trip Y N

If so, whom and how are you related? _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number (Home): _____

Phone Number (Cell): _____

Describe your health: Excellent Good Fair Poor

Allergies: _____

Physical limitations: _____

Medical conditions: _____

medical background

Medications currently using:

church information

Name of Home Church:

Denomination/Affiliation:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone Number:

Name of Senior Pastor:

Number of years attending:

Name of Youth Pastor:

How long have you been a Christian?

experience and skills

Occupation:

Languages spoken besides English:

Medical training (if applicable):

Please list previous mission experience (if applicable):

Please list talents and/or special gifts (i.e music, construction, etc):

Please list previous or current professional experience (if applicable):

questions

What motivated you to be a part of this mission trip?

What concerns and or reservations, if any, do you have about this trip?

What expectations do you have for this trip?

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I understand the expectations and guidelines during this trip with Forward Edge International and agree to adhere to Forward Edge's Code of Conduct while on location with the team. I understand that I am REQUIRED to purchase traveler's/trip insurance for all international Forward Edge trips. I agree to do so in accordance with

agreement and signatures

this requirement. I have completed this application form honestly and have answered all questions to the best of my ability. I also understand, by signing, that pictures taken of me on-site may be used by Forward Edge International, unless I request otherwise.



Applicant's Signature (or legal guardian, if applicant is under 18 years of age. Must be handwritten):

Date:



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icant (if applicable):

Liability and Medical Release

Date of Trip:

Destination:

Team Number:

Forward Edge International is a relief and development organization that mobilizes ordinary people like you to share Christ's love with those affected by poverty, disaster and sickness in the U.S. and around the world. Sending volunteers around the world has many risks, but we believe God desires to use ordinary people to share His love, rather than only those with doctorate degrees and dozens of credentials. In fact, ordinary people like you *will* change the lives of those you serve FOREVER! We understand that you are going outside your comfort zone to help the destitute of the world. Thank you for partnering with us to help those in desperate need; and for trusting Forward Edge International to provide a wonderful, safe and memorable mission trip. We hope this mission trip changes your life and your view of the world forever.

I certify that _____ is willing to participate and/or travel with Forward Edge International (FEI) and

Print Applicant's Name

that if I am under the age of 18, my parent(s) or legal guardian(s) fully support my participation. I trust Forward Edge International (FEI) and its affiliates to effectively reach the poor, destitute and hurting of the world through volunteers like me. I know that FEI will work hard to ensure my safety during my travels and therefore release Forward Edge International (FEI) and its affiliates from any liability arising out of an injury, illness, damage or loss that I may sustain during my trip with Forward Edge.



Applicant's Signature (or legal guardian, if applicant is under 18 years of age. Must be handwritten):

Date:

Relationship to Applicant (if applicable):

Medical Liability and Treatment

I agree to let the group leader and/or facilitator make medical decisions on the behalf of _____ in the

Print Applicant's Name

case of an emergency during the trip. I agree to the performance of required treatment, anesthetics and operations that are deemed necessary on the said person in the opinion of the attending physician. I assume responsibility for all medical bills for the said person. Should it be necessary for the said person to return home for medical reasons, I will assume total transportation costs, if any.



Applicant's Signature (or legal guardian, if applicant is under 18 years of age. Must be handwritten)

Date:

Relationship to Applicant (if applicable):

Medical Insurance

Name of Medical Insurance Company:

Policy Number:

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