

Haiti

Earthquake Disaster Response



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Open Volunteer Teams 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 **\$745** 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.**

Please contact **your Group Leader** for more information, as he or she will be in close contact with the FEI Team Coordinator.

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IMPORTANT DATES

4 Weeks Prior to Departure:

Application, Liability
Release Forms, and
non-refundable
deposit of \$300.00
DUE.

2 Weeks Prior to Departure:

\$445.00 remaining
payment and proof of
travel insurance DUE.



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

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