

HAITI

Forward Edge International 2017 Teams



THE CITY OF VERNET AT A GLANCE...

On January 12, 2010 a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti, killing more than 300,000 people and displacing more than a million others. In October 2016, Hurricane Matthew devastated this already-fragile country, killing 500 people, displacing 175,000 others, and increasing the ever present needs of this impoverished nation.

Forward Edge teams will get to serve some of the most vulnerable children and families hit hardest by Hurricane Matthew in a small community called Vernet. Vernet is located just outside the city of Les Cayes in the southern region of Haiti. It is home to approximately 3,000 people, some of whom are native to Vernet, and others who've recently fled from Les Cayes to the community seeking relief from the hurricane. Life in this area is very difficult for children and families as poverty has been intensified by the complete devastation from the hurricane. In addition, the practice of Restavek, a form of child slavery, is rampant in this area, and these children desperately need intervention.



MAKING A LONG-TERM IMPACT

Forward Edge's Country Director in Haiti, Chavannes Jeune, and Program Coordinator, Fabnise Jean, are leading our efforts to serve the families of this community and address the needs of vulnerable children. To allow for

consistent and focused assistance, we are specifically creating partnerships with local churches who are already ministering to the most vulnerable children. In Vernet, we're partnering with Pastor Prenor Coudo and his wife Antonice who lead a community-based ministry for vulnerable children that they call "Kids Club." On a weekly basis, they touch the lives of over 100 children with the Gospel, a healthy meal and other activities to give the children hope. Teams will have the opportunity to come alongside this critical ministry to serve the children and their families, nurture the Restavek children and make a lasting impact on their lives.

IMPORTANT DATES

Total Trip Fee:

\$1,125 per person

90 Days before departure

\$200 non-refundable deposit

(applied toward trip fee)

Registration & Medical Release Forms DUE

75 Days before departure

\$463 Payment #2 DUE

45 Days before departure

\$462 Payment #3 DUE

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TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS:

Teams will stay in guesthouses/hotels in the city of Les Cayes that have bedrooms with bedding and bathrooms. A packing list will be provided by FEI with items needed on this trip, and team members should be prepared for an authentic experience in a developing country.

Trip Fees include:

- Food, bottled water, lodging, translators, ground transportation, team packs, mission trip medical coverage & an on-site Facilitator.
- Trip preparatory materials and complete logistical coordination provided by Forward Edge.

Trip Fees do not include:

- A \$10 (USD) visa entrance fee, payable in cash as you enter Haiti
- Your flights to and from Haiti
- A donation for the offering during a local church service. (Optional)



PAYMENTS:

There's a \$200 non-refundable deposit due at the time of application submission. The non-refundable deposit will be applied towards your team fee. Payments can be paid by check or by credit card at www.forwardedge.org (Pay Team Fee). Make checks payable to: Forward Edge International. All payments need to reflect the team member name and team number.

PASSPORT:

A passport is required to enter Haiti. No other identification is needed. If you already have a passport, make sure it extends at least six months past the date of your departure.

TO KNOW:

Forward Edge will work directly with your group leader to match the gifts and desires of your team to the projects and needs that have been identified ahead of your arrival. Each day your team will experience a morning devotional, an evening debrief, and relationship building opportunities through serving the local people. It is our hope and prayer that God challenges you in your experience as you have answered His call to serve.

PREPARATION:

IMMUNIZATIONS: The government of Haiti does NOT require any shots or immunizations to enter the country. However, Forward Edge highly recommends that all team members are current in the tetanus vaccination, and that they consult a personal physician for further recommendations.

TEAM PACKS: As soon as Forward Edge receives your completed application, we will send your team pack including T-shirt, training materials and team member manual.

