



### ***Going on an international, mission trip is a life-changing experience!***

It requires you to sacrifice yourself and your desires for a cause greater than yourself. You're able to step outside of your own world, learn about a culture different from your own and serve others, all while fulfilling the Great Commission. Coreluv International wants you to encounter God's heart as you commit to being His hands and feet to the orphan. Our hope is that you return home with a heart committed to defending the orphan. James 1:27 tells us that "Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows." By laying down your time, money and talent to go and to love "the least of these," you become an expression of God's love for them.

### ***Frequently Asked Questions***

#### **WHAT CAN I EXPECT?**

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Frequent natural disasters and poor infrastructure have left the country largely undeveloped and in extreme poverty. Most people live on less than \$2 a day. Prepare your heart to be wrecked by all you will see. Our mission trips allow our teams to visit and serve in orphanages and feeding centers throughout Haiti, including Port au Prince, Gonaives and Myan. Groups are able to interact with and minister to locals and orphans in need of love and compassion.

## **WHAT IS THE COST OF A TRIP?**

Airfare ranges from \$600-\$1000 depending on the time of year and how far in advance tickets are purchased.

### **Individual and Group Rates (In-country price based on a 5 night/6 day trip)**

\$500 per person (ages 13+)

\$400 per person (ages 5-12)(no expense for children under 5 yrs. old)

\*A deposit is required to hold selected dates to travel. Group deposit is \$100, Individual deposit is \$50.

### **\*Funding Requirements:**

-50% funding is due 60 days from departure (A loss of deposit and reserved trip dates will occur if payment is not received by 45 days from departure.)

-Remaining Funding is due 30 days from departure.

Price includes in-country transportation/drivers, translators, security, lodging and two meals per day (breakfast and dinner) once you arrive in Haiti and until you depart.

Coreluv is deeply committed to seeing family's work, worship and serve together on the mission field. If your family is looking for a place to serve and grow together, you have found an incredible opportunity.

## **HOW ARE FLIGHTS PURCHASED?**

Participants are responsible for purchasing their own flights. We ask that all participants use American Airlines and specific flight information will be given for the flights arriving to and departing from Haiti. Travelers are required to purchase flights according to the specifications (arrival and departure times) given by Coreluv. The cooperation of travelers when purchasing flights helps us to ensure the safety of groups and individuals traveling with Coreluv. Coreluv reserves the right to refuse any individual or group that does not honor the flight specifications given when trips are being coordinated.

## **HOW CAN PAYMENTS BE MADE FOR IN-COUNTRY EXPENSES?**

Individual participants and/or group coordinators will receive an invoice for the nightly in-country

expenses. The appropriate individuals will receive specific details through Coreluv mission coordinators for how and when payments should be made.

### **ARE THERE ANY UNEXPECTED EXPENSES?**

There is a \$10 tourist fee each traveler is required to pay at the airport in Port au Prince, Haiti before going through customs. Prior to your trip, you will receive more information regarding where and how this payment can be made.

It is not customary for Haitians to serve lunch so participants are encouraged to bring snacks (granola/protein bars, crackers, etc) that can be packed in a backpack to have available during the middle of the day. Convenience stores are available for drinks and snacks as well as opportunities to buy souvenirs. This is not a requirement since Coreluv will be providing your basic needs.

Depending on the type of trip you commit to, you will be responsible for any supplies you need (sports equipment, craft supplies, medical supplies, etc) Additional costs such as travel insurance, additional luggage fees, project supplies and food on travel days should be considered.

### **WHERE WILL WE BE STAYING?**

Dorm style accommodations will be provided. Bedding, pillows and towels will be provided. Each participant will have their own bed with guys and girls having separate sleeping quarters. To ensure your safety, Coreluv housing is gated and surrounded by a security wall.

### **WHAT WILL WE BE EATING?**

Coreluv provides breakfast and dinner for all participants. Individuals are encouraged to bring their own snacks or food for lunch. All meals are freshly prepared by our cooking staff and are served from our facilities. Haitian food is delicious and typically includes oatmeal, bread, fruit, rice, beans and vegetable sides. To ensure your safety, Coreluv will not provide or allow food from street vendors. Because of Haiti's tropical climate, you will have the opportunity to eat fresh fruit like bananas, pineapple, mangos, avocado and other delicious produce. If you are unwilling or unable to eat the food we provide, please feel free to bring food and/or snacks that will be more conducive to your diet.

### **IS THE WATER SAFE TO DRINK?**

Because Coreluv cannot guarantee the safety of local water, filtered water will always be available at Coreluv facilities and should be used for drinking and brushing your teeth.

### **WHAT IS THE VOLTAGE FOR ELECTRICITY?**

Outlets in Haiti operate on the same voltage as the US. It is recommended that participants coordinate and bring hair dryers, etc. to share in order to reduce unnecessary luggage.

### **WHAT TYPES OF MEDICINE OR VACCINATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED?**

Coreluv international advises that you read and become familiar with the Health Information for Travelers to Haiti guide (found at <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/haiti.htm>). The recommended medications include anti-malarial and diarrhea medication. The CDC also provides safety information and recommends vaccinations for travel to Haiti, which include: MMR, DPT, Hepatitis A & B and Typhoid.

### **WHAT KINDS OF THINGS WOULD I DO ON A TRIP?**

There are a variety of opportunities to serve when you step into the day-to-day life of the orphan. Vacation Bible schools, sports camps, medical clinics and building projects are all potential areas where people can come and serve. There is no skill or talent too small for God to use.

### **WHAT WILL OUR SCHEDULE BE IN HAITI?**

Each trip is unique in its own special way. They will vary depending on the focus of the chosen projects as well as the personality and giftings of each individual. We allow God to direct our time while trying to also balance the goals of teams.

### **WHAT SHOULD I BRING?**

#### **Clothing**

- One nice outfit for church
- Modest shorts & t-shirts (laundry service will be available at our guest house)

- Closed-toe shoes geared (for walking/hiking)
- Flip flops or sandals (for walking to and from showers in the guest house)
- Modest swim wear

### **Miscellaneous Supplies**

- Current US passport
- Pen for completing travel documents
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Hat or bandana to keep the sun off your face and neck
- Insect repellent (bug spray) with 30%-50% DEET
- Hand sanitizer and wet wipes
- Refillable water bottle (will be filled at guest house with clean water)
- Medications (anti-malarial, Cipro, or any other regular meds)
- Bible and journal
- Personal toiletries (including toilet paper for when we travel)
- Snacks (anything you may want to have outside of meals Coreluv will provide)
- Cash (to be used for souvenirs and/or meals while traveling to and from Haiti; it is not advised to pull money out of ATM's in Haiti)
- Small backpack

### **What to leave at home**

- Jewelry
- Computers, iPads, and other valuable electronics

### **CAN I BRING SUPPLIES TO DONATE?**

While we appreciate the sentiment behind the thought of donating supplies, we do not receive supplies or donations that have not been specifically requested. Here is our heart behind this position.

### **Investing into the Haitian Economy**

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We prefer to purchase as much as we can in Haiti. Why? We believe that investing into the economy of Haiti is key in being able to provide a bright future for our children. We know an improved economy will only happen a little bit at a time but we believe God can significantly restore Haiti. That restoration will include an economy where the job skills our children are trained in can provide adequately for their future families. We are building for generations! Amazing isn't it!?!

### **Developing Children**

What about gifts for the children? Take a moment and think about the average family. If a family had new guests in their home every week and they all lavished the children with gifts, what would that cultivate within their hearts, expectations, etc? Our children do not lack (thanks to partners who faithfully sponsor our orphanages). Birthdays are celebrated, Christmas is honored, and gifts are allowed periodically throughout the year. Our focus when teams come is relationship, investing the word of God and the love of the Father into each child, and meeting the needs of each orphanage (building projects, maintenance, etc).

What our kids' love most is relationship and quality time with people. Those are values that we want to be careful to guard.

If we have specific needs, we will communicate that at the time of your trip. Until then, thank you for helping us invest into the economy of Haiti as well as guard the hearts of our children. If teams bring supplies or donations that were not requested, they will be sent back to the US with that team.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?**

We believe the best way to handle catastrophe is to plan ahead, so that it never gets a chance to happen! For this reason we have implemented rules and travel guidelines that are safety focused and will be reviewed with teams upon their arrival in Haiti.

### **Medical Emergencies**

Coreluv team leaders are aware of the emergency hospital/clinic protocol for the country in which they are serving. Communication with emergency contacts is initiated for serious situations requiring the input and evaluation of certified medical staff.

## **Natural Disasters**

The responsibility of leading mission teams includes the research and review of previous weather history and forecasted weather expectations. Unstable locations are flagged and trips to these areas during natural disasters will only be for specialized teams.

## **Stateside Emergencies**

The quickest way to get a response is to email [info@coreluv.org](mailto:info@coreluv.org) with details of the emergency and a phone number to call. Coreluv leaders in Haiti will be contacted immediately so that phone calls between Haiti and the US can be quickly arranged.

## ***What now?***

Thank you for your interest in going and defending! We love seeing people's passion and obedience to go to the nations in order to defend the orphan. Your next step is as simple as emailing [missions@coreluv.org](mailto:missions@coreluv.org). From there our mission coordinators will answer your questions, help you determine if you would like to (a) join a group with an already scheduled trip or (b) gather your own group for a mission trip that we can help you plan and coordinate, and hopefully help you start planning a trip!