

2018 High School Mission Trip

Hope House Haiti

"Above all, love each other deeply"

1 Peter 4:8a

When: August 6th-15th

This date was changed because Yvrose, our host in Haiti, was needed for something by her main funders in the UK, which she had to oblige. We have been promised these are our final dates.

Where: Fond Parisien, Haiti

We will be working in a region an hour outside the capital, Port-au-Prince. Our service experience also includes opportunities to see and explore local Haitian culture.

Who: Hope House Haiti

Following the devastating earthquake 2010, Yvrose, a Haitian born teacher, and her husband Pierre-Richard felt strongly that God was calling them to work amongst the poor and needy in their home land. Over the last eight years they have built an orphanage where they care for over 50 children, established a school where they employ 20 teachers and educate over 700 kids, and have started a farm and other community sustainability efforts.

Travel Plan: Seattle to New York/Miami/Atlanta to Port-au-Prince.

Total travel time is 6-10 hours including the layover. We plan to have at least one set of flights be overnight to maximize the time we have in Haiti.

Cost: \$1,200 total, with a deposit of \$150, plus fundraising commitment.

This breaks down to \$825 for flights, \$300 for food/lodging, and \$75 for other supplies.

Passport: If you do not have one, you will need to get a passport. The fee for a new passport is \$140, and can be applied for at the Everett Post Office (make an appointment prior). It takes 6-8 weeks to get your passport, so start working on this soon.

Safety: Our chaperones are all Safe Environment certified, and most have worked in Haiti previously. Everyone on our team will hold traveler's insurance; it costs about \$30 and has \$175,000 in coverage including emergency evacuations. I am currently working with the Archdiocese to finalize what vaccines are required. The Center for Disease Control recommends Hepatitis A and Typhoid immunizations (often covered by insurance) and a prescription for Malaria medication.

*"If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time.
But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."
- Australian Aboriginal leader*

Contract for Haiti Mission Trip 2018

I, _____, am committed to the full process of preparation and participation for the mission trip to Fond Parisien, Haiti from August 5th to 15th, 2018. This commitment includes preparation through meetings and fundraisers.

Since this process will involve teamwork on the part of everyone involved, I am committed to:

- Building and maintaining community among the team members, even when it's not easy!
- Abiding by the rules that are established by our host and group leaders.
- Praying for our team, our partners in Haiti, and those we will be serving in Haiti.

One of our goals is to bless and love Hope House Haiti as much as we can. One of the ways we do this is by bringing money we have fundraised in our community. I am committed to obtaining \$1,200.00, the cost of the trip, and recognize that while some money from group fundraisers can help me "fill the gap," as a participant in this mission I should stretch myself to try and cover these costs myself.

If you started saving on March 11th, you could cover the full cost of the trip by putting away \$57 a week or \$8 a day. This may seem like a lot, but if you worked with neighbors to mow three lawns a week or picked up an extra shift at an after school job every week until the trip you'd be set. Tony is dedicated to making sure money doesn't stop anyone from going, and is ready to help coach you through the fundraising process. If you're concerned about this, give him a call at 425-405-2521.

I can commit to myself and my family covering \$_____ of the total \$1,200 cost of this trip.

I am committed to learning about myself, my Church, my faith, and my impact on other people through this project. I am also committed to having fun while I do all of these things! If you agree to the above conditions, and if I believe Esperanza Summer Mission sounds like a good opportunity for me, then I will return the following by 3/28/18:

- \$150 deposit (cash or checks out to IC/OLPH)
- Participant application (next page)
- This contract

Youth: _____

Date: _____

Parent: _____

Date: _____

Please return all documents to Tony Guidotti at tony@ic-olph.org or 2619 Cedar St., Everett, WA 98201.

You can direct any questions to Tony at tony@ic-olph.org or 425-405-2521.

Application for Haiti Mission Trip 2018

Name: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Address: _____

Current Grade: _____

Birthday: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent Email: _____

Please answer the following:

1. Why do you want to participate in this mission trip?

2. What do you hope to get from your service?

3. What talents and abilities can you contribute to the mission team and to Hope House Haiti?

4. Mission is more than just serving people one week out of the year. What other things do you do to live out your baptismal call to serve? If you've been on mission before, how do you hope to grow in relation to this year's trip?