

NINER UNITED *Haiti Mission*

Registering for the Trip

In order to be registered for the trip each person must:

Fully Complete Participant Data Form

- This form includes a physician's signature
- If you do not have a current passport, please leave this section blank. We will confirm your registration before you go to the expense of applying for a new passport.

Pay \$100 Deposit

- The included packet gives details concerning refunds.
- Make checks payable to United Christian Fellowship
- Give to any Niner United leader at any Niner United event
- Or make a \$100 deposit online at campus-ministry.org at the Haiti page, <http://campus-ministry.org/2011/10/31/haiti-payments> (please email the form to niner@campus-ministry.org)
- Or mail checks to United Christian Fellowship, PO Box 562776, Charlotte, NC 28256 (please mail the form with the deposit).

Next Steps

- We will confirm your eligibility for the trip, and give you the information about the next steps found within this packet (such as fundraising, pre-trip briefings, etc.)

Haiti Mission

May 2012

About Niner & Uptown United

Niner and Uptown United is the young adult and campus ministry serving Charlotte for the Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Methodist churches. Since 1963 we have been striving to inspire students to make a world of difference by being a Christ Centered, radically mission and loving campus ministry.

As a 501c3 ministry, funds raised for the Haiti Mission are tax-deductible. This will be our fifth mission trip to Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Mission Trip Participant Checklist

Thanks for choosing to be part of our exciting 2012 Haiti Mission. The following checklist is provided as a guide. With any mission trip the involvement of each participant varies.

November 2011

- Get Packing List
- Get & Complete Participant Data Form
- \$100 Deposit
- Determine Haiti Team
- Apply for Passport
- Attend Funding Workshop & start raising funds

February 2012

- 50% Deposit Due
- Participated in two of three Fundraisers
- Pre-Trip Briefing
- Complete Liability Release Form

April 2012

- Pre-Trip Beach Retreat

Picking the Trip Right for You

The Haiti Mission 2012 is really three trips within one. It is important to determine early one which team you plan to participate with.

- Team A: **May 13-20** (departing the day after UNC Charlotte graduation and the day prior to UNC Charlotte first summer session). This trip also is compliant with the Central Piedmont schedule.
- Team B: **May 13-25** (a longer trip appropriate for students who are not taking summer school)..
- May 18-25**: (This trip is aligned with the academic schedule of Johnson & Wales University but is also open to others).

Trip Aspects

Infrastructure

The earthquake that killed over 200,000 also destroyed most of Haiti's infrastructure. Buildings were rarely constructed with sound practices and thousands remain homeless. Prior to the earthquake Haiti's housing crisis was the worst in the western hemisphere with the majority living in less than adequate housing. For two days teams A&B will work with a Port-au-Prince mission to help community efforts in the rebuilding of Port-au-Prince.

Children in Poverty

Children born with birth defects have a cultural and economic impact on communities that is striking. Many children who are born with birth defects are abandoned, leaving an overpopulation in the country's outdated and ill-equipped orphanages. Teams A&B will spend three days working and living in an orphanage atop the mountain outside Port-au-Prince for a firsthand encounter with children in poverty.

Haiti's Numerous NGOs

There is no question that Haiti is oversaturated with NGOs. Many of these Non-Government Organizations have resources that are far greater than Haiti's actual government. Moreover, most NGOs work independently of one another causing a confused and strained system of aid and relief. All teams will spend two days visiting as many NGOs in Port-au-Prince to get a glimpse of their activity and effect.

The Long Range Plan

Team C will have the unique opportunity to work with environmental projects including water supply, deforestation, nutrition and health care. Team members will assist and learn from efforts that increase Haitian self-sufficiency, sustainable living, and fund development.

Medical Attention

Immunizations

Each participant will need to complete the Participant Data Form which includes an area for your physician to sign. Instructions to your medical doctor are included about travel to Haiti. Your shots should be up-to-date.

Travel Information

Air

Our tickets will be purchased from Charlotte to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Connections are likely to be in Miami, but may also be at JFK. It may be necessary to make air arrangements in small groups, but you will at least have two or three others in your travel party. Once in Haiti the team will assemble. Specific details of arriving and navigating the Port-au-Prince airport will be given at the pre-trip briefing.

If a student would rather meet the team in Miami, arrangements might be possible, so please let us know. Also if you have frequent flyer miles you would like to use, please let us know this as well.

Ground Transportation

Once in Haiti we will rely on the ground transportation connected with our partner missions.

Lodging

We will have the opportunity to stay in multiple places in Haiti which allows for greater exposure and experiences. Specifics of our multiple sites will be provided at the detailed pre-trip briefing.

Documentation

Passports

Each traveler must have a current passport. Specific instructions on how to obtain a passport are available at the U.S. State Department website. Please allow at least two months for this process. It will cost approximately \$100 for a passport.

Visas

Haiti entry and exit taxes will be covered by the trip cost.

Duties

Re-entry fees by the U.S. Customs will only be applied if you make purchases in Haiti that are no duty-free; and if you do this, this of course will be your responsibility.

Expenses

The total expense of this trip is still a work in progress, mostly due to fluctuating airline expenses. Here is a breakdown of what we can expect:

Airfare:	\$ 750
Trip Insurance:	\$ 100
Ground Transportation:	\$ 100
Lodging & Food:	\$ 280
Language Interpretation	\$ 50
Entry & Exit Visas:	\$ 50
Mission Supplies/Expenses:	<u>\$ 170</u>
TOTAL	\$1,500

add \$275 for the extended trip (team B)

Expenses not covered include:

Food at airports during travel, Telephone surcharges
Checked bags, Money exchanges
Gifts, items purchased

Paying for the Trip

Fundraising

Participants will be guided through a detailed plan to raise funds for the trip. Participation, however, is key to the process. It is very important that you start raising funds immediately and Christmas is the perfect time.

Pay Out Right

Participants can also choose to forgo any fundraising and simply make three payments:

- \$100 Deposit (required for by all)
- \$750 for trip expenses without airfare (add \$275 for extended trip)
- \$ Airfare costs

Deposit

\$100 Deposit is due with the Participant Data Form to secure your spot.

Refunds of the initial deposit or funds you personally make

- You become injured or have a medical condition that is disabling enough to make a reasonable person delay, cancel or interrupt their trip. A doctor must examine you or a traveling companion and advise you or a traveling companion to cancel or interrupt your trip before you cancel or interrupt it. If that isn't possible, a doctor must examine you within 72 hours of your cancellation.
- A family member who isn't traveling with you is seriously ill or injured. The injury, illness or medical condition must be considered life threatening, require hospitalization, or he or she must require your care.
- Family member dies.
- You are quarantined.
- You are in a traffic accident on the way to your point of departure.
- You're summoned by a court order or subpoena to serve on a jury or appear in court.
- Your primary residence is uninhabitable because of a natural disaster, fire, flood, burglary or vandalism.
- You are terminated or laid off from a company after your plan's effective date and the termination or layoff isn't your fault; you worked for this employer for at least three continuous years.

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