



Truth Evangelistic Ministry (TEM) began in January of 1998, and Brother Chuck Martindale made his first trip to the impoverished nation of Haiti in November 1999. Since then he has made over 100 trips to the country, helping to build orphanages, churches, houses, and a nursing home. He has also preached the Word of our Lord, carried food to the hungry, and ministered hut-to-hut. TEM members have made trips to India, Pakistan, Mexico and Israel, as well.

Mission work does not only happen in a foreign land, but right here in the States as well. In fact, TEM is very active in conducting mission work in its headquartered city of Fort Walton Beach, Florida. TEM loves on the community by feeding the homeless, visiting nursing homes, speaking at alcohol rehabilitation centers, and participating in gang rescue efforts, to name a few. But most importantly, TEM teaches and shows the love and Good News of Christ wherever, whenever and however we can.

For more information about TEM, visit our website at www.truthem.org.

TEM MISSION TRIP

Welcome to the TEM Mission Team! This is going to be one of the most awesome experiences of your lifetime!

REQUIRED TEM FORMS:

1. Participant Information Form
2. Initial Deposit Form
3. Release Form
4. Permission to Photograph Form

Unfortunately, there will be NO REFUNDS. This is not so much our policy as it is that of the airlines, etc. We have to pay in advance. BE SURE YOU ARE GOING.

HAITI MISSION TEAM PURPOSE

To show the love and compassion of our Lord to the people of Haiti.

ITINERARY

You will receive your itinerary as soon as it is available.

DOCUMENTATION

YOU MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT. Please carry it in your hand luggage or on your person, and not in your suitcase. If you do not have a passport yet, apply **IMMEDIATELY!**

While on the plane you will be given paperwork to fill out for entry into the country. The address you will use on the Customs form for Haiti is:

DELMAS 75 RUE DALIA #16 PORT AU PRINCE (PAP)
PHONE NUMBER 3789-9497 (in Haiti)

EMERGENCY CONTACT IN HAITI

Bro. Chuck's cell number: 011-509-3789-9497
(Please call this number **only** in the case of an emergency.)

Another method of contacting the team in the event of an emergency is via the TEM website: truthm@cox.net or truthem@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: Youth groups are not allowed to use their cell phones for calls or text messaging while in Haiti. This is a time to be alone with God without distractions. Students may use Bro. Chuck's phone if they need to call home. Parents can call or email Bro. Chuck at the number or email address above. Friends and family of students traveling to Haiti can go to our website, www.truthem.org, and subscribe to updates to see the daily activities of the team.

LUGGAGE

Luggage restrictions change almost daily. Please check with your airline for updated information regarding what you can take. We are asking you to limit yourself to ONE LARGE SUITCASE AND ONE CARRY-ON. The suitcase and its contents cannot exceed 50 lbs.

Special Travel Notes:

Sharp objects such as nail files, clippers, etc., will **NOT** be allowed in your carry-on. Also, for carry-ons, remember the 3-1-1 rule:

3-1-1 for carry-ons:

- 3.4-ounce bottle or less (by volume)
- 1 quart-sized clear plastic zip-top bag
- 1 bag per passenger placed in screening bin

A friendly travel tip: If your airline wants you to check your carry-on, just refuse; unless it is too large to fit in the compartment, they cannot force you to check it. If you do check it, make sure there is nothing valuable inside. Be sure and take your medications, camera, phone--anything valuable--out. The Haitians who take the luggage off the plane go through it and take whatever they can.

Make your luggage distinctive looking (e.g., a brightly colored ribbon, bow, or luggage tag on the handle), then TAKE A PHOTO OF IT before you check it with the airlines so that it can be easily identified in case it is 'misplaced.'

Team leaders: It is a good idea to have brightly colored tags for all your team members to attach to their baggage.

(Adults please note: To avoid excessive charges to your cell phone while in Haiti, set your phone to 'airplane mode' when leaving Miami, and leave it on that setting until you return to Miami.)

The Transportation Security Agency website can provide more info at <http://www.tsa.gov>.

CLIMATE

Expected temperature will be in the 90's. You may need a light jacket for travel and at night.

CLOTHING

You will need two sets of clothes suitable for wearing to church, as well as clothes for daily activities.

Ladies:

You are expected to wear skirts or full/split skirts and blouses or **modest dresses**. NO SHORTS OR SUNDRESSES, NO SLEEVELESS OR LOW-CUT TOPS. Church wear is casual. You will need to bring a head covering to wear to church. ***Please follow these rules without question.*** This is a small sacrifice, and will show respect for the Haitian customs.

Men:

NO SHORTS OR TANK TOPS. Church wear is casual. No jeans for church.

Everyone:

It is best if you take enough clothing so that you do not need to wash them while in Haiti. (Please take a permanent laundry marker to mark your clothes in case you do need to have them washed.) If you like, you can donate to the Haitian people any items of clothing you don't want to take back home--they can use them.

SHORTS MAY BE WORN IN THE MISSION HOUSE ONLY.

EXTRA FUNDS

Take \$100 or less for:

Meals at the airport on the days of arrival and departure
(remember, airport meals are expensive)

You may want to give an offering during church in Haiti

There are baskets and souvenirs that you might want to purchase

Tipping interpreters at the end of the trip as a team

To help as the Lord leads you--there are always many needs in the village

MEDICAL

Consult with your medical doctor for a recommendation (and prescription, if necessary) of what malaria prevention medication you should take. Malarone and Chloroquine (KLOR-oh-kwin) are the most common.

PACKING LIST

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| _____ 2 bath towels | _____ Insect spray |
| _____ 1 small pillow | _____ Wet Ones |
| _____ 1 box large Ziploc trash bags | _____ Sunscreen |
| _____ 1 flashlight & batteries | _____ Hand sanitizer (pocket-size) |
| _____ 1 light jacket | _____ Batteries |
| _____ Good hiking shoes | _____ Camera |
| _____ Lightweight rain gear | _____ Night light for reading |
| _____ Shower shoes | _____ Snacks |
| _____ Ear plugs to block out noise | _____ Small battery-operated fan (optional) |

You may bring candy for the children, but we suggest it be hard candy. You will be supervised on how to hand this out.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

Some of you will be pleasantly surprised with the new and improved airport; others will not know the difference. Something else new is the \$10 tourist tax, which has to be paid before you proceed to Customs. When you arrive at Customs, you will present your Customs forms that you filled out on the plane. You should have a green form and a white form. You will present the forms to the Customs agent, and they will give you back your passport with a stub of the green card in your passport and also the white form. Keep the green stub in your passport. You can put your passport in a safe place now because you will not need it again. At this time you should be locating your luggage claim tags, because you will need them later. As you leave the Customs desk you will go to the baggage claim area. There will be conveyor belts bringing luggage around, and some of the luggage will already be pulled off. You can go into this area and get your luggage. Don't be intimidated by personnel working in the luggage area if they ask you for money for your luggage. **DO NOT** give them money; just take your bag with a smile, and laugh as if you know what they are doing. If you have a problem, leave your bag and find Bro. Chuck. Most often Bro. Chuck will be in the luggage area.

Just before the baggage area is a place where you can rent a cart for \$2 U.S. to put your luggage on. After getting your all your luggage and waiting on the rest of your team, you will proceed outside. This is where you will need the white form and your luggage claim tags. At this point you may be asked what is in your luggage. They are mostly interested if you are bringing in medications (not personal medicines, and never carry medicines that are out of date), so just say clothes. They will usually tell you to go ahead, but occasionally they will want to see what is in your luggage. Don't be alarmed, they do this in the States, too. After this, walk outside and a TEM member will meet you with help for your luggage, if he has not already met you inside.

Doesn't this sound like fun? This is all part of the exciting adventure of walking with the Lord! Enjoy the ride through the city, as there will be many new sights, sounds, and smells!

HAITI IN-COUNTRY RULES

(*NOT* suggestions, *NOT* negotiable)

TRAVEL

Inside the Port-au-Prince Airport

Do not take photos of policeman, UN or government officials - they can confiscate your camera.

Stay close to your team leader.

Do not set any of your hand luggage down.

Make sure that your luggage leaves the airport with you.

Outside the Airport

Stay close together.

Do not allow anyone, except those who have been assigned to you, to touch your luggage.

Make sure your luggage gets on the truck !

Remember, just say NO.

GENERAL

Before making or implying any sort of commitment to the people you are ministering to, check with your team leader. If you don't understand a person

DO NOT say "yes," or nod your head as if you do - say "I do not understand."

Many Haitians speak a little English. **This does not mean they understand or comprehend what you are saying. Remember this!!**

DO NOT, under any circumstances, give your address, e-mail address, or phone number to anyone in Haiti. It doesn't matter how friendly you become with a Haitian, **DO NOT DO THIS !** Relationships between missionaries and local individuals have very specific parameters - **NO one-on-one**. This especially holds true for women speaking with Haitian men.

Under no circumstances should you go off by yourself. When leaving the secure area, you must inform your team leaders and give them details about where you are going.

**YOUR HAITI TEAM LEADERS HAVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.
WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH THEM OR NOT,
DO AS THEY SAY.**

