

# Truth *Evangelistic* Ministry



Feeding orphans



Sharing God's word



Taking the Gospel hut to hut

*Truth Evangelistic Ministry, TEM n. 1. A group of Christian brothers and sisters who are listening to God's direction, being obedient in giving, and praying to make known the Truth to a lost world. 2. Doers of the Word who show the love and compassion of Christ around the world for no other reason than to bring **GLORY TO THE LORD.***



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 of 1999. Since then he has made over 70 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. In addition to Haiti, TEM members have made trips to India, 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](http://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

We will send you 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!**

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS IN HAITI

Brother Chuck's cell number: 011-509-3412-2945

Brother Will's cell number: 011-509-3789-9118

Please call these numbers only in the case of an emergency. Also, these are temporary numbers and will only be active at the beginning and end of the trip, while we are in Port au Prince. No phones work in the area of Z'Orangé. Another method of contacting the team, in the event of an emergency, is via the TEM website. The "Contact Us" form is monitored by several members of TEM who **may** be able to assist.

## 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 TRUNK AND ONE CARRY-ON.** The large trunk and its contents cannot exceed 50 lbs. WalMart sells a black plastic footlocker-type trunk for approximately \$17 that is perfect for the trip. It is usually located in the store's automotive section.

### **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

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

### **CLIMATE**

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

### **CLOTHING**

You will need 2 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**. 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 can carry enough clothing so that you do not need to wash them while in Haiti. If you like, you can donate whatever clothes you don't want to carry back home to the Haitian people--they can use them. However, please take a permanent laundry marker to mark your clothes in case you need to have them washed. **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 more 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 ( K L O R - o h - k w i n ) are the most common.

## PACKING LIST

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| _____ 2 bath towels                 | _____ 25 plastic cups              |
| _____ 25 plastic plates             | _____ 25 plastic forks             |
| _____ 1 pair sheets / light blanket | _____ 25 plastic knives            |
| _____ 1 small pillow                | _____ 25 plastic spoons            |
| _____ 1 box large Ziploc trash bags | _____ 25 plastic bowls             |
| _____ 1 flashlight                  | _____ Insect spray                 |
| _____ 1 light jacket                | _____ Wet Ones                     |
| _____ Batteries                     | _____ 1 canteen                    |
| _____ Sunscreen                     | _____ Good hiking shoes            |
| _____ Roll of strong cord           | _____ Hand sanitizer (pocket size) |
| _____ Camera                        | _____ Toilet paper                 |
| _____ Lightweight rain gear         | _____ Night light for reading      |
| _____ Duck tape                     | _____ Shower shoes                 |
| _____ Snacks                        |                                    |

You can 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

After landing in Port-Au-Prince, you will walk across the tarmac into the international airport. There will be armed guards, but do not be alarmed; we have them in the States, also. It just seems different in foreign countries.

You will take a shuttle to the Customs/baggage claim area. You will need to have in hand your passport and the paperwork you filled out on the plane for entry into the country. You will also need your baggage claims tags.

You will go inside and go through the Customs Area, showing your passport and papers that you filled out on the plane. They will return the green portion of this paper and put it in your passport. **Do not lose this.** You will need it when you leave the country. You should still have the white piece of paper that you filled out on the plane.

After going through Customs, you will be in the baggage claim area. Keep the baggage claim tags and the white paper handy. If you need a cart, they are located in the far right corner as you enter the baggage claim area. The cost is \$2 (U.S.). You can put your luggage on this and push it all the way outside to the parking lot.

As you are leaving the baggage claim area, you will have to show the white piece of paper to a man who may ask what is in your trunk. Just say, "clothes." He will probably not speak English but will understand the word "clothes". If he asks about medications, he is not asking about your personal meds, so be sure to say "no medicines." Never carry medicines that are out-of-date; they will be confiscated.

After going through security, you will push your luggage outside. Have your baggage claim tags ready--this is where they will take them from you.

As you begin going outside you will be asked many times if you need a taxi. Just continue to say, "no." As you get outside, people will try to help you with your luggage. Continue to say "no." Do not let them touch your luggage. Even as you walk, they will walk alongside you with their hand on your luggage and expect a tip. Don't be rude, but just continue to say, "no." A member of TEM will be outside to help you at this point, if they have not 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 news sights, sounds, and smells.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**HAITI IN-COUNTRY RULES**  
**(Not suggestions, not negotiable)**

**TRAVEL**

**Inside the Port-au-Prince Airport**

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!

*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 e-mail, address or phone number to anyone in-country. 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 TEAM LEADERS HAVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.**  
**WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH THEM OR NOT, DO AS THEY SAY.**

