



# Haiti

## Reaching the Next Generation

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### When People Move the Gospel Moves

Land of warm hospitality and practical wisdom, but also deep poverty, Haiti lies just 600 miles SE of the Florida coast. Steeped in voodoo and superstition, Haiti has known fear and suffering since it gained its independence. Yet, this is a people who have seen God's hand at work.

During the Great Depression of the early 1930s, Haitian sugar cane cutters were deported from Cuba. Many of them returned to their homeland carrying the light of Christ, which they found while living in Cuba.

Those years were a great awakening in Haiti, as these hope-filled believers shared their faith, and scores of churches were planted.

In 1936, World Team entered Haiti at the urgent plea of the leaders of this movement. World Team provided Bible training, discipleship and social help to the needy. This partnership brought maturity to the work, and over the following decades hundreds more churches were added.

### Haitian Leadership

In 1987, World Team turned over all ministry leadership to the Haitian church association, *La Mission Evangélique Baptiste du Sud d'Haiti* (MEBSH), the Evangelical Baptist Mission of South Haiti.

Today, after 80+ years of partnership with MEBSH, World Team continues to assist their efforts to train new church leaders and Haitian missionaries, to disciple over 200,000 weekly church attendees and to reach the millions still living in spiritual darkness.

Though Haiti is a beautiful country, poverty and superstition continue to hold this island nation captive. For those with patience and an open mind, Haiti reveals a rich and unique blend of African, French and Caribbean cultures.

Haiti is nestled on the western third of the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. Perpetually the poorest nation in the Americas, their economic development is hindered in part by occasional hurricanes, flooding and drought; however, the mistrust fueled by jealousy and the abuse of power is the greatest factor holding Haiti back. This is where the Gospel is bringing social change.

Despite Haiti's troubled past, the Gospel of Christ has made tremendous advances. The remaining missionary role in Haiti is to provide church leadership development, transformational discipleship and training in new ministry skills, especially among children and youth.

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# Training and Releasing Leaders

## True Partners in Ministry

Our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ are looking for missionaries who are willing to truly work alongside them as co-equals —people willing to take the time to know them, respect them and understand their lives.

Ministry in Haiti is often hindered by a lack of resources such as creative methods of communication, effective administration, sustainable financial management, and trainers in specialized skills. They also struggle with a lack of perspective —how to adjust to the challenges and opportunities they face.

Is God calling you to be part of His work in Haiti —to roll up your sleeves and join others in what He is doing?



## Serving Others

Do you enjoy investing yourself in others? Here are some of the ministries specifically asking for new missionaries from World Team:

- *Children and Youth*, to assist in ongoing efforts, to start creative new ministries and to train workers in children and youth ministry.
- *Centre Lumière*, a home economic center, provides self help work and Bible training to young women.
- *Bible Institute* training Haitian pastors and leaders to reach their own country and the world.
- *Radio-Télé Lumière* is an invaluable tool for sharing the gospel and making disciples.
- *Nurse Practitioner Training Center* trains NP's who can serve communities lacking medical care.
- *Microfinance Training*, in small business and family economics.

## Ministry Overview

People	Haitians
Language	Haitian Creole, French
Location	South Peninsula of Haiti
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leadership development</li><li>• Pastoral, theological and missiology training</li><li>• Children and Youth ministry</li><li>• MK Education in English</li><li>• Doctors and nurse practitioners</li><li>• Radio Engineer</li><li>• Creative arts and communication</li><li>• Microfinance Training</li></ul>

*The abundance of fruit in the Haitian church is exciting. The importance of training national leaders is critical to the continued growth of the church in Haiti.*

*You can impact the Haitian church!*

*Is God leading you to join the team or to commit to a prayer and financial support team? Your investment will yield huge dividends in the lives of Haitian leaders and those touched by their ministries.*

Join the Team!

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