

# Is God Calling You to a Short Term Mission Trip to Haiti?

**Who:** United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Team to Miracia Hospital in Haiti.

Age range: youth to older adult in good health.

You must agree to follow the UMVIM code of conduct and be tolerant of heat and humidity.

**What:** We will be supporting the Institute of Grace in their efforts to build and support a hospital in Merger, Haiti. For more details on the IOG see <http://www.instituteofgrace.org/>. We will do construction (electrical, small engine and solar panel, painting), medical (offer local clinic), and Bible School and feeding program for up to 150 children (stories, music, videos, games, crafts).

**When:** June 21 – 28, 2011 – Tuesday to Tuesday. Sign up by March 31.

**Where:** We will fly from DCA to PAP, catch a bus to Merger (west of Port-au-Prince 15 miles), and stay on site (think rustic camping – no reliable electricity, no AC, no screens in windows). We will have safe water, eat lots of rice and beans, and be lodging in a wing of the future hospital with beds and mosquito netting. Security has not been a problem because we stay together, mind the locals, and don't bring valuables.

**Why:** To share the love of Jesus through education, medical care and construction help.

**At what cost:** One week of your time, approximately \$1000 of your money (should cover all expenses including airfare except for airport food and souvenirs), and risk of loss of life or limb or personal safety or health (see [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/tw/tw\\_4632.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_4632.html)).

**How can I learn more?** Follow the links and contact team lead: davidgraves@verizon.net. Next team meeting will be April 10 at 2 PM at Bowie UMC (13009 6<sup>th</sup> St, Bowie, MD). Please bring your passport and deposit check to the meeting if you have decided to go.

I will be looking for firm commitments and a deposit of \$600 per traveler by the 17<sup>th</sup> of April to purchase non-refundable airplane tickets. Once I have your deposit, I will buy your ticket. Once we know who will be on the team, we will assign out team responsibilities.

I'd really like to hear from you if you know you want to go before that meeting. I am also happy to provide more information as requested. This will be my 4<sup>th</sup> team to work on this project.

Financial support is also greatly needed. We try to do most of our construction using local workers, giving them employment. Donations are charitable contributions (make out to Bowie UMC and designate "Haiti Trip" and send to Bowie UMC, 13009 6<sup>th</sup> St, Bowie, MD 20720). All donations will be used for supplies or spent in Haiti unless specifically designated for a team member's travel costs.

Thanks for your support, David Graves 301 464 8383 or 240 601 0218