

WHEN	April 21 - 24 September 30 - October 6
WHERE	We'll be staying in Desarmes for the April trip. That is most likely the case for the September trip but could move to Gonaives or Saint Marc depending on team size. We'll be serving daily in Calas near Dessalines and L'Estere.
WHAT	<p>April Trip: This trip will have two days in the city of Calas. We are looking to give some people that have maybe never been to Haiti a glimpse into the culture and a place to start relationships. You will be fed some typical Haitian meals, worship with our family in Haiti, and get to relax and play with the church in Calas. Our hope is that this trip would allow more people to have a deeper glimpse into the vision of Gospel reconciliation in Haiti.</p> <p>September Trip: This trip will be a bit more on the "get dirty" side. We will be entering into the daily rhythms of the church in Calas. School will be in session and the rhythms of the church family will be evident. There will be times of training and learning as well as worship and prayer. We have not taken a trip specifically like this yet so we are still working out the details.</p>
WHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•The Haiti Collective (US Side)</li><li>•SCH (Haiti Side)</li><li>•Immanuel Church in Birmingham, AL</li></ul>
TRIP CAPACITY	April Trip: 4-7; September Trip: 8-12
WHY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Jesus said to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20), and He has many current and future disciples in Haiti. We want to be a part of seeing God's glory spread in Haiti.</li><li>2) Together with Immanuel Church in Birmingham, we've formed a strategic partnership with the church in Calas, Haiti. We're committed to regularly encouraging, resourcing, and ministering to the believers in Calas.</li><li>3) We believe in the vision of the Haiti Collective and their focus on healthy, holistic, gospel-ministry.</li><li>4) We believe that Haiti is a strategic country. It's in the Eastern time zone; it's relatively close to the United States, and travel to and from the country is relatively inexpensive. We hope these factors will allow us to minister to the Christians in Haiti more readily and regularly. Haiti is in dire need of long-term partners that will labor to see the gospel established in healthy, sustainable ways.</li></ol>

**TRAVEL PLANS** We'll be traveling via American Airlines. Exact plans will be detailed as we get closer to purchasing tickets. As a general rule, the flight out leaves the US early in the morning on the day of travel and arrives in Port Au Prince around 1-2p. Then there is about a 3.5 hour drive to the place we stay. On the return trip the flight typically leaves around 3p and arrives back in the US around 11p. We are hoping to be able to fly out of Nashville this year as prices have dropped recently.

<b>COSTS</b>	Trip Costs	April	September
	Daily Cost                    \$110 (x # days)	\$440	\$770
	Plane Ticket	<u>\$605</u>	<u>\$600</u>
	<b>Total: (approximate)</b>	<b>\$1045</b>	<b>\$1370</b>
	Other Costs		
	Passport		\$135
	Vaccinations/Meds (Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Malaria)		\$50 - \$150
	Spending money		<u>\$50 - \$100</u>
	<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$100 - \$400</b>

**FUNDRAISING** Everyone who wants to go on this trip will be responsible for raising their own funds. Please remember, if God is leading you to be a part of this trip, He will provide for your needs! An easy way to fundraise for a trip like this is to send out personal letters to friends and family and ask them for help. We've attached a few sample letters that you are free to use / tweak for this purpose.

As a general principle, there is a "rule of 3" with fundraising (i.e. - 1 in 3 people who see your letter will typically support you). In this case, each person needs to raise \$1100-1700. If your goal is \$1600 and your expected average gift is \$100, then you'll need to send letters to approximately 48 people (16 x 3) to reach your goal of \$1600. If your expected average gift is \$50, then you'll need to send letters to approximately 96 people (32 x 3) to reach your goal.

Trip costs should be funneled to Resonate Church. This allows people to get a tax deduction if they donate to your trip.

Give by check:  
 Resonate Church  
 2817 West End Ave. Suite 126-147  
 Nashville, TN 37203  
*"Serve: Haiti" on the memo line with a note attached with your name*

Give online:  
<http://bit.ly/ServeHaiti2017>



QUESTIONS:  
Kyle Mountsier  
kyle@resonatemadison.org  
513-375-4877

#### PASSPORT

Your cost will total \$135. Most

Passport locations require an appointment and are booked 2-4 weeks in advance. You will want to schedule an appointment by the time you have given a verbal commitment to serve on this trip.

#### WHAT TO BRING

While we're ministering during the day, men should wear pants, and women should wear either pants or long skirts. Also, see the attached medical kit document.

#### DUE DATES

##### April Trip

Feb 19	Haiti Trip Application (Does not require final commitment)
March 1	Verbal Commitment
March 6	Passport Application Complete (\$135)
March 20	Money Due for Plane Ticket (\$605)
April 1	Vaccinations Complete and Prescriptions Received
April 9	Remaining Balance due (\$440)

##### September Trip

May 1	Haiti Trip Application (Does not require final commitment)
May 15	Verbal Commitment
July 1	Passport Application Complete (\$135)
Aug 1	Money Due for Plane Ticket (\$600)
Sept 1	Vaccinations Complete and Prescriptions Received
Sept 10	Remaining Balance due (\$770)

#### TRAINING

April Trip: 1 training TBD in late March

September Trip: Series of 3-4 trainings through the summer TBD

All trainings will cover basics such as basic language, what to bring culture and history, and gospel training.

#### QUESTIONS:

Kyle Mountsier  
[kyle@resonatemadison.org](mailto:kyle@resonatemadison.org)  
513-375-4877



QUESTIONS:  
Kyle Mountsier  
kyle@resonatemadison.org  
513-375-4877

## EXAMPLE FUNDRAISING LETTER

Friends,

I wanted to tell you about an exciting ministry opportunity that I am going to be involved with this [month of trip]. As many of you know, I've been attending and ministering with Resonate Church in Nashville, TN. Resonate has a vision that is rooted in Habakkuk 2:14, "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." As a church, we want to see Jesus be famous in Nashville, in America, and all over the world.

As part of this vision, Resonate is taking a mission trip to Haiti in [month of trip] to partner with a church in the town of Calas. This church ministers to over 80 vulnerable children, helps provide their schooling, and teaches them the gospel. While in Haiti, we'll be ministering everyday to these children and helping provide gospel-centered training for the leaders of the church. We're working with a reputable organization called the Haiti Collective which is "a gospel-driven network focused on empowering Haitian churches and communities through relief, development, and reform initiatives based on mutual partnership in kingdom advance."

After hearing about this trip and spending much time in prayer and conversation, I felt like God was prompting me to go. This is where you come in: I need your help! In order to take this trip to Haiti, I need prayer support and I need to raise approximately \$xxxx. I would love to raise more than that so we can support projects on the ground in Haiti with the excess! Here are a few ways you can help:

### **GIVE by check:**

-Make check out to "Resonate Church" and write "Serve: Haiti" in the memo line. You can give it to me or send it to the address below with a note attached with my name on it:

Resonate Church  
2817 West End Ave  
Suite 126-147  
Nashville, TN 37203

### **GIVE online:**

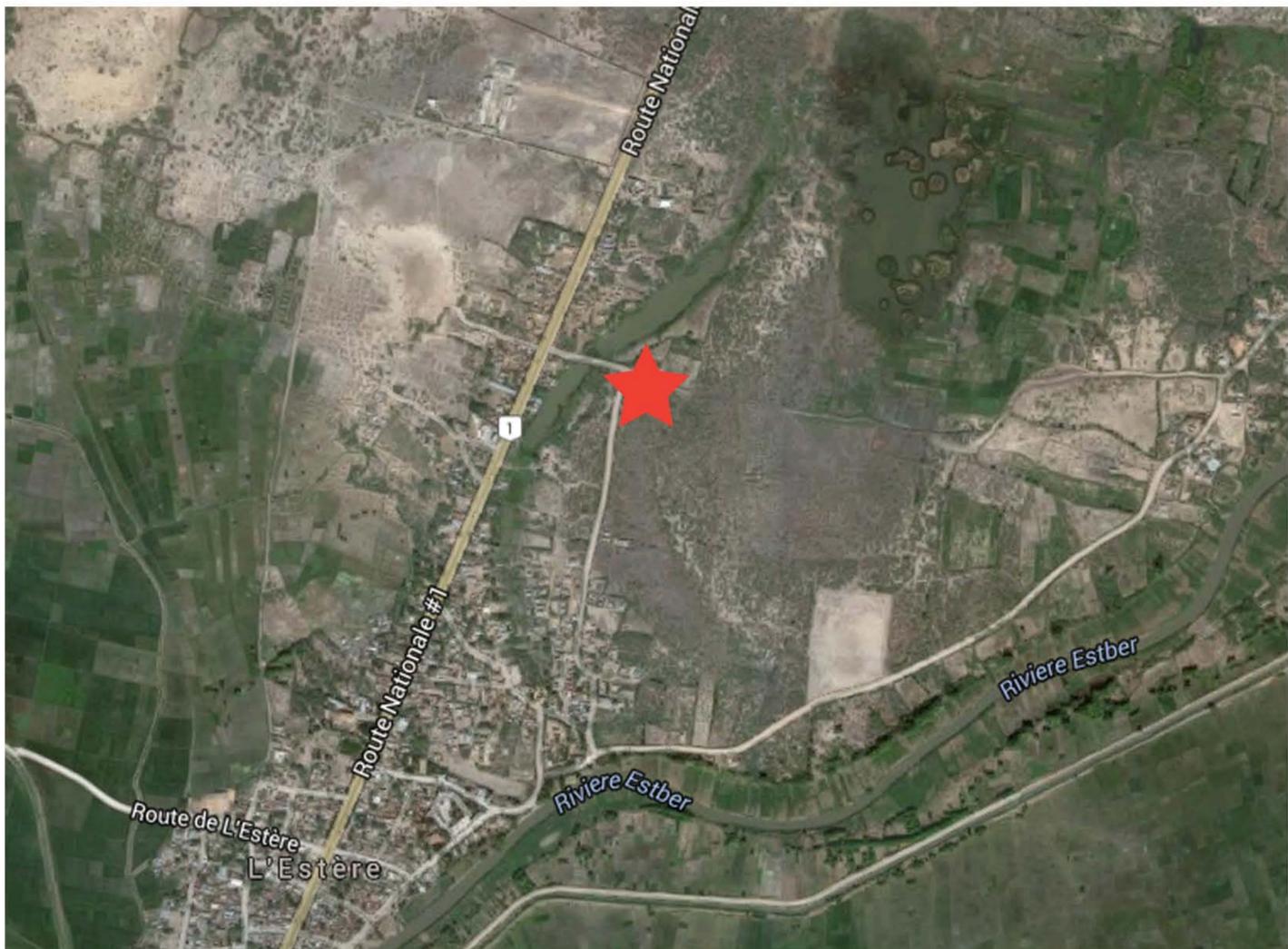
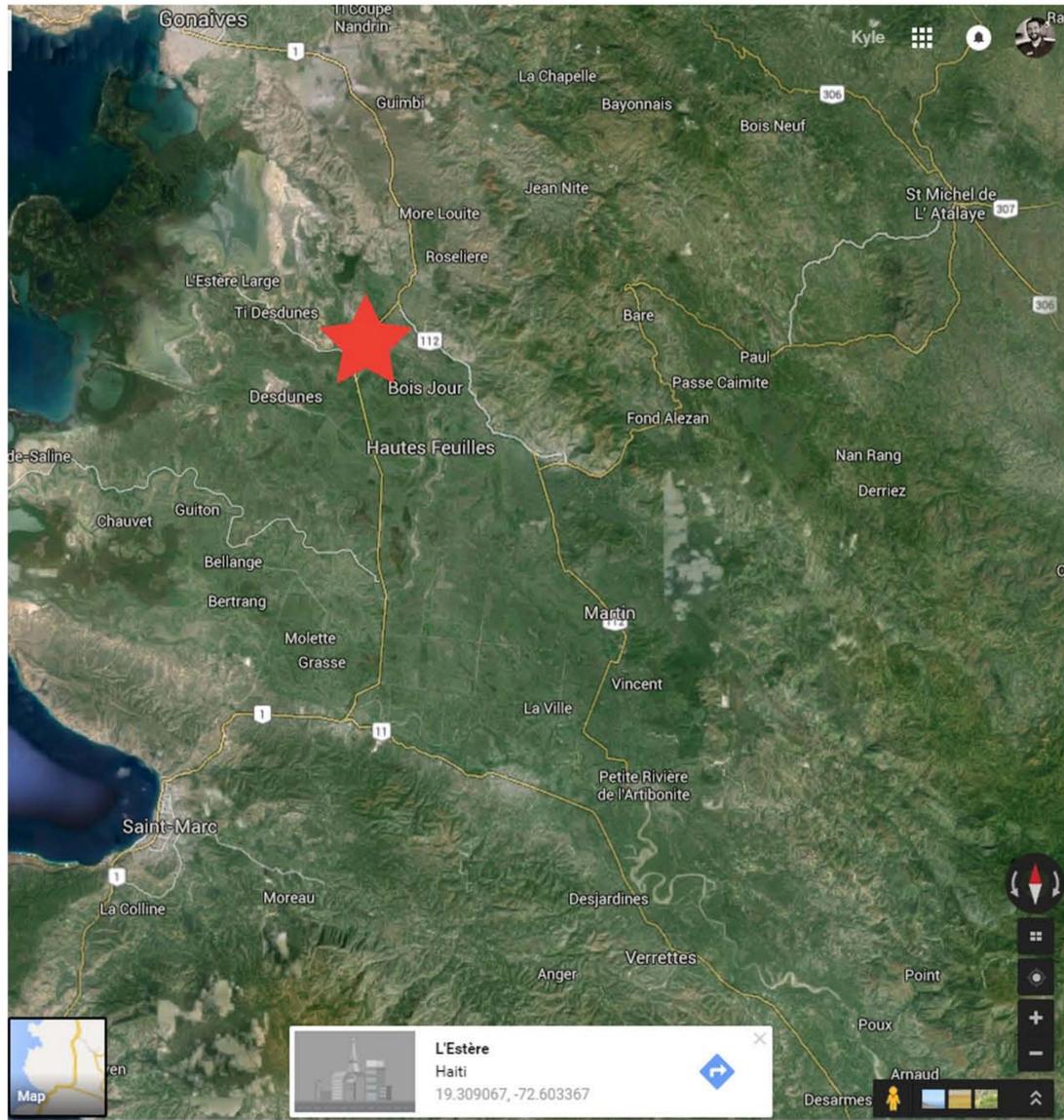
-Use this link: <http://bit.ly/ServeHaiti2017>

-Email [finance@resonatemadison.org](mailto:finance@resonatemadison.org) that your gift is for my trip funds

### **PRAY EARNESTLY for me:**

- That my heart would be overwhelmed by the Gospel
- I would be compassionate for the people of Haiti
- Jesus would save the people we are ministering to
- My wife would not have fear as I head overseas

Thank you for reading my letter and hearing about Haiti. I have also attached a document with more info if you would like to read that as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



# MEDICAL KIT FOR HAITI SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS



— T H E —  
**HAITI**  
COLLECTIVE

---

## First Aid:

Band aids, assorted sizes  
Polysporin  
Alcohol  
Hydrogen peroxide  
Ace bandage  
Scissors  
Tape  
Gauze/non-stick dressings

## Cold/Allergy:

Tylenol cold or similar  
Cough drops  
Claritin or similar  
Benadryl tablets  
Hydrocortisone cream

## Gastrointestinal:

Pepto Bismol  
Immodium  
Gatorade packets  
Tums

## General:

Ibuprofen  
Tylenol  
Eye wash kit  
Dramamine  
Hand sanitizer  
Hand sanitizing wipes  
A few pairs of latex gloves

# The Haiti Collective

## Writing Your Support Letter



*When looking to craft your own support letter, there are various factors you need to consider. First, you are joining God on His global mission. He has called you, and you are believing Him to meet your needs every step of the way. At the same time, you are responsible for raising your support, and crafting a good support letter will assist you in meeting your prayer and financials needs.*

### **Practical Guidelines on the Support Letter**

#### **Guidelines on Who to Send it to**

1. Family, Friends, Church Members, Co-workers, Relatives, etc. Anyone with whom you have personal contact.
2. **Caution** about sending to church members. You can imagine the difficulty of a member receiving a dozen support letters from people going on the same mission trip. This puts them in an awkward position. Some of the members may already be supporting the trip through fundraisers or missions giving. Prayerfully connect with church members conscious of these realities.

#### **Guidelines on Preparing, Sending, and Timeline**

1. You are responsible for purchasing the envelopes and the stamps as well as printing out the letters. If you do not have access to a printer or computer, let one of the leaders of the team know.
2. Shoot for 40-50 letters to be sent out. Write out (or type up) a database of names. Begin brainstorming immediately. Search for addresses in yellow pages or online (best place is [www.switchboard.com](http://www.switchboard.com) or whitepages).
3. For a more personal touch, hand address the outside envelope and use colorful postage stamp. The ideal time to mail is between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.
4. Have the letters in the mail as soon as possible. You will need as much lead time as possible. They will receive the letters and have approximately six weeks to respond (which is the minimum time frame required). Any procrastination or negligence will seriously impact responses.
5. Upon return from your trip, send thank you notes to those who responded within two weeks of your return. Express your sincere appreciation for their prayers and financial support. You should receive a list of financial contributors from the church.
6. Keep in touch with your supporters, including a photo from the trip or asking how you can pray for them as well.

#### **Guidelines on How to Contribute (enclosed in your support letter)**

1. All checks should be made payable to your local church. No checks should be made out to the individual team member. This ensures the gift is tax-deductible.
2. Ask them not to write your name anywhere on the check but to attach a separate note indicating the check is for your financial support.
3. You can include a commitment card with the support letter stating how much they are giving to your mission trip along with their contact information. Be sure the commitment card provides them with instructions stating who the support is for, where to mail their check, and a request to not have your name on the check.
4. You can also provide a post-paid pre-addressed envelope for the contributor as well.

## **Drafting the Support Letter**

### **Guidelines on What to Say**

1. Your primary purpose is to *inform* people on what you are doing and ask them to join you in *praying* for this endeavor. It is not exclusively about money and you don't want to give that impression with your first words.
2. Begin with being *personal*. Share what God has been doing in your life and how He has brought you to this point. Including Scripture verses particularly helpful to you would be good as well.
3. Explain the mission trip (time/date) while being sensitive to security issues (do not mention our host missionary by name), including what you will be doing while on mission (projects/ministries). Be brief, clear, and honest.
4. Towards the end, inform them of the cost and how you are trusting that God will provide assistance in meeting this need. If you plan to work to raise some of your own support, say so.
5. Ask them to pray about financially supporting this mission trip. Explain that any contributions are *tax-deductible* and instructions should be provided in an enclosure provided by the mission team leader.
6. Personally sign your letter.

## Sample Support Letter

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

**“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20**

On (Dates of your trip), I have the opportunity to travel with a team to Haiti to minister to orphans and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those in their community. My desire is for God to use me to make a difference in the lives of children who have so little in order that they can know the God who loves them so much. I will help lead a Vacation Bible School during the week as well as belong to outreach teams sharing the gospel in the community. Needless to say, I believe this trip will be a life-changing experience!

With such a great opportunity come great needs as well. I am asking God for a group of people who would be willing to pray with me and for me as I prepare and go on this mission trip. Knowing your heart, I would like to know if you would be willing to partner with me in this way. There is nothing that advances the cause of missions like prayer, and it would mean so much to me to know that you are among the group of people committed to praying for me and the trip ahead.

As you can imagine, this trip also comes with considerable financial challenges. I am working hard to sacrificially give as I am able, but I humbly recognize that without the support of friends, family, and fellow church members as God’s provision, I could not participate in this great opportunity. Through your prayerful and financial support, you are a direct extension of all that God does in and through us to impact the lives of many people for the glory of God!

Our missionary God has people who go, people who stay and pray, and people who give, and all of that is necessary to carry out His mission work through us! I want to express my gratitude to you for considering this opportunity to partner with our team and me and make an eternal investment in the advance of the gospel in Haiti. Enclosed is a card where you can commit to pray and financially support (through a tax-deductible donation) me for this trip.

I look forward to hearing from you and also learning how I can be praying for you as well. I cannot wait to see what the Lord does as we venture out by faith into His harvest field (Matt. 9:38)!

Together on mission,

Name  
Email  
Phone  
Address

### Mission Support Commitment Card

I would like to support (write name of team member) in the follow way(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ being a prayer partner for you on this trip  
\_\_\_\_\_ supporting you financially for this mission trip in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ which is enclosed

Please make checks payable to (write name of church) and mail to (write church address). Please do not write my name on the check.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mission Support Commitment Card

I would like to support (write name of team member) in the follow way(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ being a prayer partner for you on this trip  
\_\_\_\_\_ supporting you financially for this mission trip in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ which is enclosed

Please make checks payable to (write name of church) and mail to (write church address). Please do not write my name on the check.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mission Support Commitment Card

I would like to support (write name of team member) in the follow way(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ being a prayer partner for you on this trip  
\_\_\_\_\_ supporting you financially for this mission trip in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ which is enclosed

Please make checks payable to (write name of church) and mail to (write church address). Please do not write my name on the check.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mission Support Commitment Card

I would like to support (write name of team member) in the follow way(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ being a prayer partner for you on this trip  
\_\_\_\_\_ supporting you financially for this mission trip in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ which is enclosed

Please make checks payable to (write name of church) and mail to (write church address). Please do not write my name on the check.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_