

PARTNERS Program

Purpose

The purpose of the PARTNERS Program is to team up people from the U.S. and Canada with Haiti Partners to *help Haitians change Haiti through education for students, teachers, leaders and disciples.*

The Need

Haiti's educational situation was dismal BEFORE the earthquake. With an estimated 4,000 schools destroyed, a generation could be lost if major measures are not quickly taken. Haitian churches are also important centers of education, and they've faced incredible loss. This could be one of the most compelling needs and opportunities, on a national level, of our lifetime.

Strategy

Host in Haiti small groups of people (3-4) who have either decided to partner with Haiti Partners as *Partners* or who are seriously considering doing so. Haiti Partners Partners:

- Visit Haiti on an initial trip.
- Serve as a Partner for 3 years—and longer if you love it!
- Visit Haiti again within 3 years (each Partner covers his/her own costs-see below).
- Partner for Haiti Partners at your church, community groups and/or company.
- Become a Change for Haiti Partner (\$30 per month commitment) and help recruit at least 5-10 new Change for Haiti Partners each year.
- Attend a Haiti Partners event each year.
- Add Haiti Partners' links to your blog/website (if applicable), join Haiti Partners' online community (Facebook group, Twitter, etc.).
- Participate in several conference calls each year, including in preparation to travel to Haiti, so Haiti Partners can hear your ideas and you can hear how the work in Haiti is going. We want YOU to help shape this program and the PARTNERS Trips.

Philosophy and Practice

Partnerships grounded in humility, mutual respect, shared learning, reflection and action are key to long-term sustainable change (not to mention to personal growth!).

PARTNERS Trips

- 4 or 5 days with travel, 3 or 4 nights in Haiti
- Itinerary includes: spending time with students, teachers, and parents at Learning Centers, meeting with Haitian business and government leaders, and group reflection.
- Specific group goals/project: Each group of Partners will develop, with help from Haiti Partners' staff, a project and a set of goals prior to the trip that engage the expertise and interests of the group.
- Estimated Cost: \$125-\$150/day (does not include airfare to/from Haiti)
[This cost includes lodging (w/ Internet access) and three meals, transportation, and translators.]

For More Information

Go to www.haitipartners.org, click *Get Involved*, Email: info@haitipartners.org, Phone: 772-539-8521