



MISSION POSSIBLE

Equipping the Next Generation of Christ Centered Leaders

Before You Say Yes
Thoughts, Application and Agreements



Please notice the details on the Short Term Field and Release of Rights agreements.

When it becomes more about the task than the journey, we have failed in our purpose.

You are thinking about joining Mission Possible on a mission trip to the island of Hispaniola. Why?

The answer to that question is as unique as you. We look forward to how this possible trip will change your life, your world view, and your view of God. To be sure both of us are ready for the journey, we want to take time to communicate with you, and challenge you, in the aspects of ministry in Hispaniola (Haiti and the Dominican Republic).

First, this is not a humanitarian effort. Our effort is to meet human needs on the way to spiritual freedom in Jesus Christ. As you read at the top, this trip is not about the task(s), it is about God's work in every life.

Second, Hispaniola will not offer you comforts or life as usual. Our effort is to ready your trip to be the best we can offer with the understanding travel to a foreign country can include situations outside of our control.

Haiti is a developing / 3rd world country. With 3rd world countries, there are inherent dangers, political unrest, unstable economies, extreme poverty, and limited sanitation. Due to these conditions, our teams could experience roadblocks, long delays on the road, rocks thrown at our vehicles, or other mishaps. The US State Department usually lists Haiti as a Level 3 (out of 4) travel advisory, which stands for "reconsider travel." The national leaders of Mission Possible know their communities and are aware of any unrest or conflicts in Haiti. We trust our leaders and their judgement on team safety. Mission Possible considers all teams traveling with us a privilege and a blessing, and we do everything in our power to have safe and secure trips, but again, there can be issues outside of our control and nothing can be guaranteed.

With this in mind, we took great effort to produce a document to make you aware of the situations that could arise. The liability section of the application covers these issues. Please take the time to review this information so that you fully understand potential situations that could arise.

Know that in all situations, we are not asking you for blind trust. We do; however, ask you to trust the Mission Possible staff to make the best choices, in all situations, for you, your loved one(s), and the team. Remember, we are most likely making these decisions with our own family members in mind.

This possible trip will be an exercise in faith, trust, and selflessness.

Prior to the team leaving North America and when on the island, we use the following protocol for team safety:

1. Pastor Herve or Pastor Moise's safety recommendation
2. US Government's safety recommendation
 - a. If different, we chose Pastor Herve or Pastor Moise's recommendation
3. Church or Organization leadership's decision / Personal team member's decision

We take team safety very seriously and will do everything in our power to protect that safety.

There will be times when those on the island are in communication with the office in North America. Know we monitor news and government sources daily, especially when teams are in country. There may be details of the news or reports we do not share with the full team. We do share the most pertinent information, so teams are safe and aware of situations affecting them.

We ask that information concerning teams or team members go through our main office so information can be confirmed and solid details shared with both the team and family members at home.

We come from a culture of strength and resources. We are used to having information and news at our fingertips. We come from a position of control. We challenge you, as you consider this trip, to understand you will be asked to leave those things at home.

Christ and Christ alone truly meets the needs of our heart, our very being. Are you ready? Only you can answer that question. If it is yes, we will be happy to lead you in the journey. If it is no, we will be happy to walk with you in the hope that someday you will be ready to answer yes. There is no wrong answer.

Yet, here is a challenge. Don't let fear mold your answer. Zach Williams wrote a song titled Fear Is a Liar. Here is the chorus to his song:

Fear he is a liar
He will take your breath
Stop you in your steps
Fear he is a liar
He will rob your rest
Steal your happiness
Cast your fear in the fire
Cause fear he is a liar

More importantly, God says in the Bible...

1 John 4:17-19 from the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible

¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

We love others because Christ first loved us. **This trip is not a humanitarian effort.** We love others to meet human needs on the way to spiritual freedom in Jesus Christ.

If you are ready to say yes, continue on with the following information, application and forms.

If you are not ready, we understand and wait for the day when we can serve together in Hispaniola.

It is necessary for us to receive from you information that will allow us to contact you, ensure your safety, and have adequate information if an emergency situation occurs.

The Short Term Mission Application gives us pertinent personal, family, and church information. All of this information has a purpose. For example, you will see we ask for your weight. Although for some this is very personal, we need this information in case we need to arrange alternative flight plans (different carrier, small plane, etc.) for you. Know that we keep all application information secure and it is used only by Mission Possible personnel.

Here is the list of items we need from you to complete your trip application:

- A completed and signed Short Term Mission Application
- A copy of your passport photo page
- Your flight itinerary with confirmation number(s)
- The Short Term Field Agreement
- Release of Rights Agreement
- If under 18 years old, a signed and notarized Permission of Minor to Travel Outside United States
- If under 18 years old, a signed Parental Consent form and Health Release
- \$500 deposit (non-refundable after flights have been purchased)



Mission Trip Payments

As stated above, we will need to have a \$500 deposit prior to ordering your airline ticket. We find the best availability and price when purchasing our tickets early and in a group. Your team leader will give you the deposit deadline. If your deposit is received after the deposit and group purchase deadline, your airline ticket will be purchased individually and may be more expensive or even unavailable. If there is an extra cost due to ordering your ticket later, this additional cost will be passed on to you.

Once tickets have been purchased, your team leader will communicate to you the remaining balance due for your trip. Make every effort to start your fundraising as soon as possible.

So that unpaid fees and concern for finances do not become an obstacle to your trip, we ask that you make full payment for your trip at least one week prior to your departure date. Your team leader may require other payment dates along the way.

If you are unable to fully fund your trip by this deadline, please be sure to communicate with your team leader and let him or her know your payment plan.

We do provide a sample letter on our website for you to use in your fundraising effort.

Purchased Tickets

All tickets are purchased under the name of the traveler. Once purchased, the ticket becomes your property and your responsibility. If your flight is cancelled or you need to make changes, you will need to follow airline policy for ticket changes, cancellations, and refunds.

If you have made your own flight arrangements, we ask that you give us a copy of your flight itinerary, including confirmation numbers, so we can track your flight progress and are able to assist if alternative flight arrangements need to be made.

Passport Information

It is necessary for us to have a copy of your passport photo page so we have your legal name, passport number, and other passport information if it is required for alternate flight arrangements or government notification.

Medical and Health Considerations

We suggest that you consider, under the guidance of your family physician, getting the shots and other suggested medicines as outlined by the CDC for travel to Haiti and the Dominican Republic. In unusual events like the Haiti earthquake, health and sanitation conditions may change unexpectedly. The medical preparation you do for your trip may prevent unnecessary, future medical issues.

CDC – Haiti: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/haiti.aspx>

CDC – DR: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/dominican-republic.aspx>

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