

One Family Mission

Mission Trip Guide and Expectations

One Family Foundation

One Family Mission was founded as 1013 Missions in 2010 when the Savini family felt called by God to leave America and serve Him in Haiti. In 2011, we began our partnership with One Family Foundation, where we lived and worked for about a year learning the language and culture, and building relationships. In 2016, 1013 Missions merged with One Family Foundation and incorporated as One Family Mission.

One Family Mission engages with One Family and other Haitian communities through church partnerships to promote education, agriculture-based life skills, and small business ventures to care for orphaned & abandoned children, empower communities, and reduce child abandonment in Haiti.

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One Family is a non-denominational network churches founded by Pastor Kesnel Joseph in 2006 in the city of Croix Des Boquettes, located about 12 miles east of the Port Au Prince airport. Additional One Family Churches are located throughout Haiti, and recently in Cuba.

One Family is a dynamic church of about 300 members and a weekly attendance of over 600. In addition to weekly services, prayer meetings and Bible studies throughout the week, the church also engages in several outreach missions throughout Haiti. Within the church compound is a school and orphanage. The school, Centre d' Etudes Classic d' Dargout, offers primary and secondary education for over 350 students from the community. The orphanage is home to about 70 orphaned and abandoned children ranging in age from 1 -21.



Your Stay

Accommodations

Each of our gender-separated guest rooms sleep up to 5 people and has a private bathroom. Sheets, pillows, and towels will be provided. Our compound is gated with one entrance, which is locked at night.

Food & Water

Safe drinking water will be available to you at all times. Please bring a refillable water bottle. Breakfast and dinner, representing typical Haitian cuisine, are included in your stay. Any food that we provide will be safe to eat. You may wish to bring snacks to replace lunch; we recommend granola, nuts and dried fruit. You may also have the opportunity to visit local restaurants (cost not included.)

Resources

Resources in Haiti are a constant challenge. We ask that you join us in conserving resources and minimizing waste.

Electricity in Haiti is often inconsistent and unpredictable. Expect to have periods without electricity. At times, we will use battery power to operate the lights only. We may ask you to refrain from using fans and other appliances during these times.

Safe drinking water will always be available. Water for showers and toilets is dependent on electric pumps that fill the tanks. Keeping showers brief, and flushing toilets only for solid waste will help to ensure that there is ample water for the duration of your stay. Additionally, toilet paper and hygiene products may NOT be flushed. Please use the receptacle.



What to Pack

Clothing

MEN: pants, knee length shorts, short sleeve shirts, pajamas, church clothes

WOMEN: knee-length or longer skirts, short sleeve or sleeveless tops (no spaghetti straps), pajamas, knee length shorts if playing sports, church clothes.

SHOES: comfortable walking shoes, dress shoes (for church), sandals, plastic shower shoes (flip flops)

Additional Items

Toiletries/personal items	Refillable water bottle
Snacks (granola, dried fruit, nuts)	Baby wipes
Journal, pens	Bible, Devotional
Flashlight	Hand Sanitizer

Guide of Conduct

Safety

For your safety, and the safety of the children we ask that you do not leave the compound without our knowledge and consent. Children may not leave the compound without direct permission from Pastor Kesnel or Madame Yanick.

Engaging with the Children

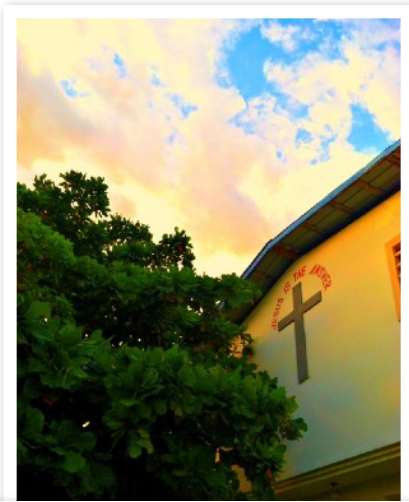
Visitors are not to be alone with a child, or with a resident of One Family of the opposite sex. Please do not enter the children's rooms without the permission of their caregivers. Additionally, children are not allowed in your rooms at any time. Bringing children into your room violates a standing rule that they are aware of; you risk that child getting into trouble with his or her caregiver. Please do not give gifts to individual children.

Dress Code

While at One Family mission, please maintain a modest style of dress. Women, please wear knee length or longer skirts or dresses with short sleeve or sleeveless tops. For men, knee length shorts or long pants are acceptable, with short sleeve shirts. Shorts and/or tank tops may be worn in your dorm rooms, but preferably not in common areas. Women may wear knee length shorts if playing sports with the children within the compound. If you will be joining us for Sunday services or church functions, we ask men to wear dress pants, dress shirt and tie and women to wear skirts & tops or dresses which cover knees & shoulders.

Curfew

The children of One Family are usually put to bed around 8pm. To respect their routines and need for rest, please retire to your rooms or team common area at that time as well. Once in your rooms for the night, please be respectful of those in the compound that are resting, and keep voices low. The exception to curfew are movie nights, and church services. We invite you to join in both of these fun events.



Gifts

We encourage you to develop relationships with the children you meet both in the orphanage and community. You may, in generosity and love, wish to share your things or give gifts to the children or even the staff. We must ask that you DO NOT do this. An item may seem small to you, but be viewed as quite valuable here. Your trinket could end up stirring fights or other trouble for your new friend. If you have items you wish to donate, please leave them in your room at the end of your stay. We will see that they are appropriately distributed.

In the Community

During your stay, we encourage you to engage with the people you meet- in the foundation and within the community. There are tremendous blessings within these relationships! Please know that you will be seen as representing One Family Foundation as well as the American Church. One Family stresses the virtue of self-control. While the church does not prohibit moderate consumption of alcohol, it does discourage excessive drinking and drunkenness. Your team leader may prohibit or limit consumption at their discretion. We ask that you maintain respectful and appropriate behaviors throughout your stay.

A Note About Life in an Orphanage

An orphanage is a different kind of place. Expect to see runny noses and hear wet coughs. Expect to hear crying and temper tantrums. Expect to see fighting. These things are 'normal' in this environment. You can also expect the kids to be thrilled to have you staying with them. Very likely, you will find that you feel a bond with one or two particular children. We believe that this connection is special, and very often spirit-led. We invite you to let that relationship unfold naturally. Do not feel obliged to know every kid here, or to spread your attentions.

We are happy to have you with us! Bondye Beni Ou!