

# Destiny Village



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## Short Term Mission Trips MANUAL

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Dear Friends,

We are so excited that you have expressed an interest in coming to Haiti to see firsthand the work that Destiny Village is accomplishing. The most exciting part about visitors coming to Haiti is that you will have the opportunity not only to see what we are doing, but you will get to be a part of what we are doing.

We hope you are just as excited about this trip as we are. I understand for many of you this will be your first time out of the country and you may be a little nervous, too. I am not sure that there is any way to fully prepare yourself for the poverty you will see, but we do know if you will go with an open mind and an open heart that it won't take long for you to fall in love with Haiti and her people. We encourage you to spend time in prayer asking God to prepare you mentally, physically and spiritually for this trip. You probably have all kinds of questions and hopefully this manual answers most of them. If you have any others please feel free to email them to me at [rbdmt5@aol.com](mailto:rbdmt5@aol.com)

We look forward to seeing you on the mission field.

Sincerely,

Rick Alford

## **General Information about Destiny Village**

We believe that when God creates each person, He does so with a destiny in mind for that person. Unfortunately, not everyone fulfills the destiny of God intended for his or her life. What is even more unfortunate is that some individuals are born into a society that has little to offer them. Not everyone is fortunate enough to know what it is to have a full stomach, clothes to wear, or an education. Daily survival is a struggle for many more people in this world than most care to think about. Destiny Village is about clothing, feeding, and educating the poorest of the poor. But even more than that, our goal is to share the love of Jesus Christ with them and to disciple them in the Word of God so that they in turn can find the destiny that God has for their lives.

Destiny Village began in our hearts as we traveled to different parts of the world and looked into the eyes of children who did not know where their next meal was going to come from, children who had resorted to standing on street corners begging from all that walked by. As we began to realize that children all over the world wake up and find themselves in these kinds of situations, our hearts were compelled to do something to make a difference. We believe that in order to change a nation you must begin by changing the children.

After taking a short-term mission trip to Haiti and seeking the direction of God, we decided Destiny Village would begin in the nation of Haiti and from there spread to the rest of the world. God has taken our desire to help children and turned it into a reality.

Destiny Village currently supports several ministries in Haiti. The first one is our orphanage for boys and girls which these children live with us in our compound. No longer do they feel the pain of hunger or wonder about their future, they are being raised up to be the leaders of the nation. We also aid two schools with food and books. It is very important for these children to receive the school lunch as it will be their only meal of the day. We sponsor two orphanages and provide supplies to many villages surrounding our facility.

We are excited about what God is doing through Destiny Village in Haiti. We believe that one day our children will become Pastors, Preachers, Prophets, Doctors, Lawyers and Politicians. Some day one of them will bow his knee during his Presidential Inauguration and declare that Jesus is Lord and lead his nation in revival. When this happens the curse that has been there for centuries will be broken and finally that nation will begin to receive the blessings of God.

# **What You Need To Do Before You Go**

## **Passport**

First and foremost, if you don't already have a passport you will need to get one right away. Passports generally take from 4 to 8 weeks to obtain but can be expedited for an additional fee. You can pick up a passport application at most large post offices. You will also need the original or a certified copy of your birth certificate. Once all the information is collected you must return to the post office and pay the fees required. Some post offices require that you have an appointment or they may have special hours when this service is available. If you are a minor you will need your parent or guardian to be present at the Post Office when you turn it in.

## **Vaccines**

Haiti is considered an area where there is risk for malaria. It is suggested that you speak with your doctor to determine which vaccines you should consider taking.

You should also check with your doctor about booster doses for tetanus-diphtheria and measles. You may also want to check with your health insurance to make sure they will cover you overseas should you need medical attention. Some insurance companies will pay for any shots and also malaria pills. If not you may check with your local health department for inexpensive vaccinations.

## **Be Prepared**

Be prepared for anything! Personal preparation and careful thought to packing, clothing, and miscellaneous necessities will help make for a successful trip. Here are some things you will want to make note of and keep in mind during your time of preparation:

## **What You Need To Bring**

When traveling to Haiti your team leader will assist you in what you can bring and how to pack. There is a weight limit of 50 pounds per piece of checked luggage.

As it is very difficult for us to transport items into Haiti and you are asked to pack your things in your carry-on luggage and allow only necessary supplies in the checked pieces. Your team leader will help you with any questions you have.

## What to Wear

Everyone going on a mission's trip must dress conservatively. Remember you are a missionary and held to a higher calling than most.

**Women** are requested to respect a conservative dress code. Conservative shorts or Capri type pants and short-sleeved shirts may be worn while we are out in the communities ministering. When inside the compound women may wear conservative shorts and sleeveless shirts. Women will need a dress or skirt for any church services. Please do not bring tank tops, spaghetti straps, etc. Be careful that no cleavage is showing (you will be asked to change if your dress is deemed inappropriate). Remember you are a guest in **THEIR** culture and anything that draws attention to you and away from the message you bring is from a wrong heart.

**Men** are to wear long shorts or pants and t-shirts while out in the communities ministering. Men will need Docker style pants, a button up shirt and tie, or nice golf shirt, for any church services. Remember you are a guest in **THEIR** culture and anything that draws attention to you and away from the message you bring is from a wrong heart.

Please do not wear or bring any clothes that are of value to you as they may get ruined. Many people plan to leave all their clothes behind as gifts to the Haitians. Plan your return trip attire and pack it in a separate compartment so you won't be tempted to wear it and not have it available for the trip home. Also, remember if you pack aerosols you will regret it! Make sure all your sprays are pumps; if you have to bring spray cans of any type, put them in your carry-on luggage.

Please refer to the **Packing Check List** for further details on both personal and non-personal items you may wish to include in your luggage.

## Travel Tips

When traveling is it a must to keep your passport and tickets on you at all times.

**Passport:** Before leaving the States make three (3) copies of your passport. Keep one copy with you in a different place separate from your actual passport. Your team leader should have a copy of everyone's passport. Lastly, leave one copy in the States with Autumn Harris, our Group Coordinator, our Destiny Village representative who will be readily available should an emergency occur.



**Valuables:** Anything that is of extreme value should be put away in your backpack as there is a chance your checked luggage could get lost and sometimes your carry-on luggage ends up being gate checked. You are permitted one checked piece of luggage (50 lbs. each), one carry-on bag, and a personal item. If you are carrying large sums of cash, don't put all your cash in the same spot; spread it out among your personal item (backpack or purse) and your person. Never put your cash or valuables in your checked or carry-on luggage.



Upon arrival at Destiny Village we will store the passports and forms until your departure.

### **Luggage Requirements:**

- Checked Luggage: Maximum of 2 checked pieces - 50 pounds per piece - dimensions (length plus width plus height) not to exceed 62 inches.  
\*\*Cost of checked bag(s) varies by airline\*\*
- Carry-on luggage: 22 pound restriction – must fit in the overhead bin or under seat. (See picture below for dimensions.)



- Personal Item: In addition to the one piece of carry -on luggage, customers may also carry a purse, backpack, or briefcase. This personal item must fit under the seat in front of you. Luggage not meeting these specifications must be transported as checked luggage. Should be used to pack anything you will need/want to access during your flight.

\*\*Please keep ALL luggage claim tickets. Your group leader will collect these.\*\*

**Customs:** Either on the flight to Haiti or when you arrive in Haiti, you will be given two separate customs forms to fill out (see images of forms below). When filling out these forms please put the purpose of your visit to be 'recreation'. You will be asked if you have any items to declare, answer 'No'. This will serve as your visa for the time that you are in Haiti.

Green form: Box #14:

77 Destiny Village

Pierre Payen

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After going through customs you will be given the bottom half of the green form to be kept with your passport, it will be needed to exit the country. Please put it inside your passport for safe keeping. The other form is on a small white sheet of paper and it will be kept by the airport staff.

On this trip you will go through Customs, before entering Haiti and again when you come back into the United States. You will need to keep your passport handy as it will be checked many times. With the new travel security you must be patient. Customs may or may not do an extensive search of your luggage. You will claim your luggage in Haiti and go through Customs. When you return to the United States you will get your luggage, go through Customs and then re-check your luggage for the remainder of your flights.

## Prescription Medications

If you have a medical condition requiring that you take prescription medications, please take note of the following:

1. Tell your family doctor about your trip and discuss with him any concerns you may have about your condition and/or your prescription medications. Have your doctor make a detailed list of your prescribed medications specifying each name and daily dosage and have him sign it as your physician. Make a copy of this for you and for your Team Leader; also carry one copy along with your passport. If you should have a medical emergency while overseas, any attending medical personnel will need to know what medications you are taking.
2. Pack your medications in your CARRY-ON luggage, not in your checked baggage. If your baggage should get lost in transit and your medications are packed, you may not be able to replace the medication overseas.
3. Pack your prescription medications in the appropriately labeled bottle(s) so there is no question as to the type and dosage of each item. This will also prevent possible questions from any foreign authorities checking your baggage during security and/or Customs checks.
4. Make sure you have enough medication to last several days longer than your anticipated stay in the event some unforeseen problem arises and you are unable to return to the States as scheduled.
5. Take your medications as prescribed while traveling using the same schedule you are regularly accustomed to. Sometimes a deviation in schedule can cause a medical emergency that might have otherwise been avoided if care had been taken to stay on your scheduled regimen of prescription medication.

## **Packing Checklist & Suggestions**

### **GENERAL ITEMS**

- Anti-Bacterial Hand Cleaner
- Soap / Shower Gel / Razor
- Shampoo / Shower cap
- Fingernail Clippers / Tweezers
- Curling Iron / Blow Dryer
- Deodorant
- Hairspray (pump - not aerosol)
- Hand and/or Body Lotion
- Toilet Paper (1 regular size roll)
- Toothbrush / Paste / Floss / Toothpicks
- Mouthwash
- Comb / Brush / Makeup
- Feminine Products / Band-Aids / Antiseptic
- Tissues

### **PERSONAL MEDICATION**

- Ibuprofen / Tylenol
- Lip Balm
- Maalox / Tums
- Q-Tips
- Cold / Allergy Medicine
- Sunscreen / Sunburn Lotion
- Contact Accessories / Glasses / Repair Kit
- Pepto Bismol/Imodium AD
- Malaria Rx (See Doctor)

### **CARRY-ON ITEMS**

- Passport
- Airline Tickets / Itinerary
- Pen / Pencil
- Reading Material
- Teaching Material / Sermons
- Camera / Film (Pack Extra Batteries)
- Bible / Journal
- Washcloth in Baggie
- Clean Underwear
- Candy / Snacks
- 2-3 Complete Outfits (minimum)

## **CLOTHING**

- Underwear / Slips / Bras
- Slippers / Socks / Shoes
- Summer Sleepwear / Robe
- Return Flight Outfit (Comfortable)
- Dress and/or Skirts & Tops
- Swim suit (no bikinis)/Swim shoes

## **FOODS** (Suggestions)

- Crackers and/or Cheese & Crackers
- Peanut Butter
- Breath Mints
- Coffee / Tea
- Sweet'n Low / Sugar / Creamer
- Pringles
- Granola/Protein Bars (non-chocolate)

## **EXTRAS**

- OFF Mosquito Spray / Bug Spray/Wipes
- Zip-Loc Baggies (Varied Sizes)
- Pens/Pencils/Markers/Highlighters
- Post it's/ Writing Paper
- Reading Material
- Dirty Clothes Bag (Plastic Trash Bag)
- Umbrella / Sunglasses / Sunhat
- Sewing Kit / Safety Pins
- Camera / Film / Extra Batteries
- Watch (not expensive)
- Small Electric or Battery-Operated Fan & Batteries
- Flashlight / Extra Battery
- Gift List

*You may want to add to or subtract from this list, just keep in mind the weight. Try to pack things you can leave behind as useful gifts!*

**APPLICATION**  
**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE ADDRESS BELOW**

DESTINY VILLAGE, HAITI  
Short Term Mission Trip  
15275 Collier Blvd. Ste 201-PMB#132  
Naples, FL 34119

Please fill in this application as completely as you can. If you have any questions, please contact our office at the above number. Please use the back of this form to answer any questions requiring additional space.

Passport/Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: (circle) Single ~ Married ~ Widowed ~ Other Home

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date/Place of Last trip: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of times on Mission Field: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical or emotional conditions that might affect your mission:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Prescription Drugs Currently Taking:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name and Phone Number of Emergency Contact:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak: \_\_\_\_\_ Creole \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ French

Skills / Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that Destiny Village will not be held responsible or liable for an illness or accident that might occur in Haiti or while traveling on this trip. I agree to provide my own health insurance.  
Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

## **RELEASE OF LIABILITY -**

### **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO ABOVE ADDRESS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand and agree that my participation in this trip to Haiti from (dates) \_\_\_\_\_ is being taken voluntarily and with full knowledge that there is a travel advisory through the US Government.

I agree that I am traveling at my own risk, releasing Destiny Village, its staff, workers, and agents from any accident, injury, illness or death which may occur as part of this trip.

I agree and fully understand that neither Destiny Village nor their insurance carrier will cover any injuries/illness that may occur. I understand that it is my responsibility to confirm with my hospitalization insurance company regarding coverage while I am out of the country.

In the event that I am injured or require emergency medical and/or dental treatment by a licensed practitioner or the need to be life-flighted to a hospital, I hereby give my consent for my emergency transfer to a hospital including admission and/or treatment by any licensed hospital facility, and will assume **ALL EXPENSES INCURRED ASSOCIATED WITH THE INJURY AND/OR ILLNESS.**

*Please complete this form and return it along with the completed Application to Destiny Village. Please include a photocopy of your insurance card (both sides) to be kept on file during the trip. Please print:*

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**City / State / Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone: (Home)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Work)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Carrier:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Policy Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please note: The signature of parent or legal guardian is required for anyone traveling under the age of 18 years)*

## **Rules for Visiting Missionaries**

1. Always remain with the group, never be alone outside DV grounds. Kidnappings, and injuries could occur, so as you would in any other unfamiliar environment, don't go anywhere alone.
2. Never leave the property with your passport, please leave it in the lockers provided. If you lose your passport, you will not be able to fly back to the US. Your group leader will collect these upon your arrival and lock them up for safe keeping.
3. All of our laundry is washed by hand so please use your towel until mid-week and then get a new one. This will make it much easier for the wash ladies. If you need your personal clothing washed, please put it in the basket on Monday or Wednesday along with \$2.00- \$3.00 for the wash ladies. As you can imagine, with 45 kids there is a lot of laundry, so please only request this service if you need clothing to get you through the week.
4. We are on a very limited amount of electricity so please turn the fans and lights off when you leave the room. If we do not then the electric will go off earlier in the night making for a hot nights' sleep.
5. Please do not flush anything, including toilet paper down the toilet. Our septic system is not equipped to handle it.
6. The water is safe for showering and such, but not for drinking. Being so close to the ocean allows salt into the system. Please use bottled water for drinking and brushing your teeth.
7. Do not take any candy or food in your room as it will attract bugs. Zip up your luggage to keep unwanted pests from getting in your personal items.
8. Please do not give anything (food, toys, money or other items) directly to a child. If you have candy or food for all of them, please check with the DV Staff before you pass it out. Anything that is to be distributed to an individual child for whatever reason/purpose must be given through a DV Staff member. We want all the kids to be treated equally.
9. Do not promise the kids ANYTHING. If any child asks you for something, please notify one of the DV Staff members to discuss it. This is for their protection as well as yours, we are not raising beggars at DV. Even those simple things that you think are harmless can create issues. We want all kids to be treated equally and we do not want them asking for things that do not belong to them.
10. No one is permitted to be in the kids' dorm rooms. Kids are not permitted in the mission house unless they have a job which requires them to be there.
11. If you see a child doing something that may harm them, or acting in a negative manner please intercede and take them to a staff member or worker immediately.
12. Do not walk into Ed/Leanne's apartment without knocking and or asking permission to enter. Please remember, this is where they live.
13. Be in mission house by 10:00 pm each night. This curfew is enforced for the protection of you and our kids.

### **Some things you need to be aware of while outside of DV**

- Be careful when taking pictures. Think about how you would feel if someone was taking pictures of you, your home, or your children without your consent.
- Do not show your money or give money to anyone.
- Dress appropriately, showing honor to the culture that you are in. Women should dress modestly.
- Show empathy and appreciation, not pity, for your surroundings. Remember that this is their home, country, and people. Show respect and appreciation for it. Your team leader will show you how to deal with beggars.

## **Cost Sheet**

### **COST FOR SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS TO DESTINY VILLAGE**

1. Airfare to Port-Au-Prince: (Contact your group leader for airfare price)
2. Lodging at Destiny Village - groups of 7 & up \$50 per night, groups of 6 & under \$75 per night and includes:
  - Ground Transportation in Haiti
  - Food for the week (eating at Destiny Village)
3. Outreach – Typically \$50-\$100.00 (buying rice, beans, water to pass out to orphanages and or villages)
4. Tip for the staff at Destiny Village: \$20
5. Travel/Souvenir money: \$50 (small bills for souvenirs)

\* PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON AIRFARE AVAILABILITY\*

*This trip will be a life-changing experience!*