

Aum Sri Sai Ram

OVERVIEW OF CURRENT HAITI RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

Teams: Team of 10-12 individuals including health care professionals and non-medical volunteers (adult and youth) from the Sri Sathya Sai International Organization are currently rotating on a weekly basis to provide service. Each team will have 4-5 medical professionals, and about 5-6 non-medical volunteers (including young adults (YA)). Each team will have an overall Team leader and one YA leader.

Young Adults (18-35 years) have played an important role within the Sri Sathya Sai Organization. Beginning with the very first team that went to Haiti, young adults have participated by serving the people of Haiti. They have been an integral part of these teams working enthusiastically under the guidance of adult team members.

Duration of Service: The teams will leave to Port-au-Prince on a Saturday and return the following Saturday.

Travel Arrangements: Once you are confirmed for a particular week, you can then make arrangements on your own to fly into Port-au-Prince directly from your location. Please plan on arriving on Saturday of the week you are volunteering and book your return flight the following Saturday. Once you arrive at Port-au-Prince airport, you will need to make arrangements with a taxi to reach the Sai home (Delmas 83, #16B) – you can work with your team leaders to arrange this transport.

Vaccination/Prophylaxis: Please ensure you are up-to-date on tetanus booster (valid for 10 yrs). Consider getting Hepatitis A vaccination (these can be arranged at your local area travel clinic). Additionally, speak to your physician about getting malaria prophylaxis which is highly recommended.

Medical Supplies: You may be requested to carry medical supplies as part of your luggage from the medical supply team. Additionally, if you would like to bring any medicines, please check first with your team leaders to get an update on what is most needed for your team.

Accommodations: Accommodations and most meals will be provided at a home of one of our Sai family members in Port-au-Prince (Delmas 83, #16B). More details will be provided closer to the week of your travel.

Additional information: Your team leaders will provide you additional information that you will need before you leave for the trip and information about any expenses that you may have in Port-au-Prince such as taxi, local rides, food, water and other personal expenses.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

- **Health Care Volunteers:** Health care (in the form of medical camps) is being provided on a regular basis. Health care personnel will be divided up to serve in the following locations:
 - **Franciscan Church Saint Alexandre Chapel** (aka "Big Church"): approx ~200 patients (adults and kids)/day.
 - **Christian Assembly of Bobin** (aka "Little Church"): approx~ 70-80 patients (adults and kids/day).
 - **General Hospital:** as needed based on specialty services available.
 - **Other Communities:** Additionally, medical camps are also being set up in other communities in Port-au-Prince as needed.

- **Non-medical volunteers (Adults/YAs):**
 - **Assist in pharmacy in both medical camps** – providing help with the medical camps assisting the physicians and other medical volunteers.
 - Additionally, they are also helping with other community-based activities when there is need (e.g. local community clean-up)

 - **Working with youth/children in school/orphanage in the Little Church neighborhood.** There are about 30-50 youth in the school and surrounding neighborhood ranging from 3-21 yrs.
 - Currently: Art/music - based activities.
 - Other activities including educational (academic and EHV) activities are currently being planned.

 - **Working with youth in Delmas Neighborhood**
 - Continued support with the Water Project.
 - Continue with Street Clean-up Projects.
 - Other activities to encourage local youth with leadership/vocational training are currently being planned.