

# Outreach Teams

Each team will be made up of anywhere from five to 16 people. **As this is not an immediate post-disaster response, the opportunity is available to individuals who have not undergone HFI Reservist training.** We do expect volunteers to:

First time participants will complete the Hope Force International application process prior to their involvement.

# Travel & Costs

Volunteers are responsible for their own travel expenses. The ground cost while in Haiti is \$100 per night. This covers: housing, food, translators, in-country transportation, and outreach facilitation. Teams may want to raise extra funding for specific projects.

Contact us for openings, dates can be requested by church groups and will be accommodated if at all possible.

American Airlines, Delta and United fly into Haiti. If your travel reservation includes an overnight stay, please make sure to arrive in Port-au-Prince on Saturday. **Once details have been confirmed**, you can book your tickets and travel insurance, but please do not finalize travel arrangements until you receive travel confirmation from us.



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# Our Mission

As a non-profit organization HFI is dedicated to disaster response, and works to alleviate suffering caused by disasters and chronic human need at home and abroad. With over 1,200 trained reservists on call for disaster response, HFI is mobilizing the global Christian community into compassionate action on behalf of those in need. The organization is comprised of individuals who are committed to utilizing their expertise to inspire, equip, and mobilize volunteers into areas of crisis.

**HFI's mission in Haiti is to respond to the 2010 earthquake by inspiring and empowering followers of Jesus to engage in the recovery, rebuilding, and further development activities in Sous Savanne and the nearby village of Babay.**



# Background

Since the devastating 2010 Haiti earthquake, HFI has had personnel on the ground and remains committed to helping Haiti recover. As the poorest nation in the Western hemisphere, Haiti was in no way prepared for this disaster. Over 230,000 people lost their lives in the 7.0-magnitude, and election violence have delayed recovery.

**HFI chose to focus its efforts on Sou Savanne, a village close to the epicenter of the earthquake.** Over 90% of the buildings in the area were destroyed in the quake, and many lost their livelihood as a result of the devastation. HFI responded by:

- Setting up Relief Tents to meet housing needs.
- Initiating community health outreaches
- Child Sponsorship Program assist the families with school fees, uniforms, and supplies as well as a monthly rice distribution.
- Promoting the Houses of Hope Project to build durable homes for those in dire need of shelter.

# Opportunities

Specific projects are dependent on availability of funding, team makeup, and changing needs of the community. **Some examples possible service opportunities include:**

- Health teachings and consultations
- Ministry in schools
- Mobile medical team/clinics
- Assisting with Houses of Hope projects

# Objectives

Given Haiti's existing poverty prior to the earthquake, HFI's long-term goal is to promote sustainable development and improve the overall quality of life for people in Sous Savanne and the surrounding area. Beyond meeting desperate practical needs, we also seek to address the presence of Voodoo in Haitian culture by setting an example of spiritual wholeness through Jesus.

Serving in Haiti is an opportunity for volunteers to grow in their own spiritual lives as well. By giving them the chance to work alongside Haitians in need, we want to show volunteers that they can be God's hands in producing positive change. **Hope Force strives to provide a life-changing experience for volunteers while increasing awareness in the Christian community about Haiti's plight.**

