

2018 Haiti Medical Mission 16-29 November



“The many situations of inequality, poverty and injustice, are signs not only of a profound lack of fraternity, but also of the absence of a culture of solidarity.”

Message of Pope Francis on XLVII World Day of Peace



Medical Missions are one way Chalice seeks to inspire this culture of solidarity.
Thank you for your interest in serving with us!

MISSION INTRODUCTION

Dates: **November 16-29**
Location: **Terrier-Rouge & Grand-Bassin, Haiti**
Chalice Sponsor Site: **Haiti North**
Sponsored Friends: If your sponsor child's code begins with **NDS** or **NDG**, we will be at their site!

MISSION OUTCOMES

The changes we want to see:

- Through collaboration, our Canadian and Haitian medical team will offer **medical care and education**, with a desire to “bring Christ to the Poor and the Poor to Christ”.
- Through meaningful service and interaction, we will have a **greater understanding** of both the challenges we face as brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as our capacity (with God's grace!) to respond with love and support.

SERVICE

If you travel with a firm list of things you will experience and accomplish, you will likely be disappointed. If you travel primarily as a learner, and sister or brother in Christ, you are bound to succeed!

The Haiti North Sponsor Site has invited Canadian Chalice volunteers and staff members to work alongside the Site Staff as well as the staff of the local parish-run medical clinics in Grand-Bassin and Terrier-Rouge. The request is for a medical team to provide services as well as training in the areas of:

- **general medicine**
- **vision**
- **public health education**

This mission request follows a prior visit from a small assessment team from February 3-11, 2018 (CVHT18) who explored these areas of need and developed a plan for this subsequent medical mission.

Phase 1: Assessment Visit (complete)

The assessment visit was organized as a Chalice Overseas Volunteer Experience, or COVE. The COVE team visited Haiti North Site from February 4-10.

The initial COVE team included:

- Randy, International Manager
- Joanne, Mission Coordinator
- Dr. Don Clark, Medical Lead
- Dr. Didi Emokpare, Tele-Health Lead (virtual presence)

This team completed the following:

- Joined local health professionals in their workplaces to observe and learn from them at:
 - o the health clinics in each community (parish based)
 - o two hospitals (one private, one government run)
 - o nursing school (private)
- Some medical visits were pre-arranged with selected patients who have more complex health problems
- Met with the Director of the Dept. of Health; discussed mission opportunity, concerns and requirements
- Discussed, in collaboration with the local health professionals, what needs are greatest and how they might be addressed by the mission
- Drafted, in collaboration, a plan with specific purposes for the subsequent mission
- Addressed logistical considerations for the subsequent mission

Phase 2: Mission (now)

The full medical mission dates will be for two weeks in November 16-29, 2018.

It is our goal to recruit a team of approximately **12 volunteers**. Our Chalice staff leads will be Joanne Albrecht, mission coordinator, and Randy Spaulding, international manager for Haiti. Our medical lead will be Dr. Don Clark. We will recruit a team of health care professionals who can serve in the areas listed below. These may include: **2-3 family physicians, 1-2 public health nurses, 2-3 optometrists and/or assistants, and 1-2 social workers**. We will also have non-health care professionals on team in **support roles** (chaplain and logistical support). The Canadian volunteers will be working collaboratively in a team with Haitian health professionals.

The Canadian-Haitian team *may* provide support in the following areas:

- Patient care (as a treatment and teaching opportunity) in the areas of:
 - general medicine
 - vision
- Public health education in the community in the following locations:
 - clinic waiting areas
 - schools
 - home visits
 - local parish

In addition to this, if the appropriate volunteers are recruited, we will consider the following:

- Training at either or both of:
 - Don Bosco Tech Nursing School (Fort-Liberté)
 - Hôpital Sacré Coeur (Milot)
- (Begin to) Conduct a nutritional program feasibility study:
 - Survey current resources for intensive nutrition
 - Visit regional feeding centers to determine if working relationship can be established



Which areas are selected is, of course, *subject to the team we recruit* and their areas of strength.

ESTIMATED COST

Mission expenses are currently estimated at \$1,998. The fee paid to Chalice includes land transportation, accommodations, meals, water, interpreters, and the mission program fee. In addition, the following costs are paid by volunteers directly:

- Flight to Cap-Haïtien, return
- Hotel in transit
- Insurance
- Immunizations and medications

CHALICE'S MISSION

“To bring the Poor to Christ and Christ to the Poor.”

Chalice is a Canadian Catholic charity that primarily supports community initiatives in developing countries through the sponsorship of children and elderly in need. We are proud to announce that *MoneySense* magazine has given Chalice a top ‘A’ rating among International Aid and Development Charities in Canada; we have been at the top for 8 years in a row. We began our mission in the rectory of a church in Springhill, Nova Scotia, and we are now bringing hope to over 50,000 children and elders at 57 sponsor sites in 15 countries, with no regard for gender, race or religious affiliation. Every sponsor site is under local direction, as we work closely with lay people, religious congregations and local communities in their efforts to provide care for families caught in the dehumanizing grip of extreme poverty and lack of education.

In our work, we call to mind St. Paul’s words: “we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another” (Romans 12:5). “If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:26-27)

OUR HAITI NORTH PARTNERS

Partner Name: **Haiti North**
 Location: **Terrier-Rouge and Grand-Bassin**
 Director: Edley Gabeau
 Site Opened: 2002
 Serving: 1623 children

Mission:

To improve the quality of life, encourage social responsibility and promote cultural sharing through the creation of opportunities for dialogue and building of relationships for the spiritual, social, and cultural development in our community.

Goal:

Our goal is to develop a national and international solidarity network that benefits underprivileged children in their development of their human rights in order to reduce poverty in their families by providing assistance for it to have access to the education, health care, economic security.



MISSION SCHEDULE

November 16 to 29

	<i>Week Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Activities</i>
1	Friday	Nov 16	Flight from home cities to Miami, overnight stay
2	Saturday	Nov 17	Afternoon flight from Miami to Cap-Haïtien, Check-in
3	Sunday	Nov 18	Mass, Entry into mission... Orientation to Local Community, Sponsor Site, Chalice
4	Monday	Nov 19	CA & HT health teams meet, visit clinics A & B, set-up Visit hospital
5	Tuesday	Nov 20	Clinic Day – Site A & B*
6	Wednesday	Nov 21	Clinic Day – Site A & B
7	Thursday	Nov 22	Clinic Day – Site A & B
8	Friday	Nov 23	Clinic Day – Site A & B + Parish Evening Session (any night)
9	Saturday	Nov 24	AM – Specialized Clinic Day & Community Health Focus PM – Collective (HT & CA team) reflection, evaluation, & planning (where do we go from here?); mid-afternoon celebration dinner
10	Sunday	Nov 25	Mass, Reflections on mission... Community Day, Home Visits
11	Monday	Nov 26	Clinic Day – Site A & B
12	Tuesday	Nov 27	Clinic Day – Site A & B
13	Wednesday	Nov 28	Morning: Team wrap-up, Heading home from mission... Afternoon: Flight from Cap-Haïtien, overnight in Miami
14	Thursday	Nov 29	Morning flights to home cities

*Our service will be split between both communities in which Chalice works: Grand-Bassin and Terrier-Rouge. Each community has a local clinic which is run by the parish (primary care, no surgery or obstetrics).

FAITH SHARING

Our team will begin the day together with a time of prayer and reflection on either a passage from the Bible or another text of significance to one of our team members. Each evening we will be invited to share and reflect on our experiences from the day. It is our hope also to connect with the local Christian community outside of our medical clinic service. The lay people in the area play a significant role in the church and we hope to take time for fellowship with them. We will also participate in the Catholic Mass on Sundays at the local church.

TIMELINE

July	
16	Application deadline
23	Confirm Team
30	Confirm Budget
Aug	
8	Team Meeting 1
9	Flights booked
Sep	
5	Team Meeting 2
18	Mission expense donation due
Oct	
3	Team Meeting 3
24	Team Meeting 4
Nov	
16-29	On mission in Haiti
Dec	
12	Team Meeting 5



MISSION HOSTS



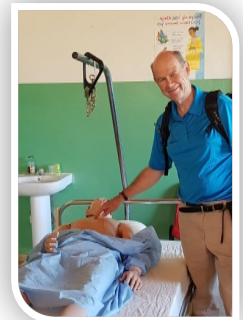
Joanne Albrecht
Mission Coordinator



Randy Spaulding
International Manager for Haiti



Edley Gabeau
Haiti North Sponsor Site Director



Dr. Don Clark
Medical Lead, F.A.M.E. Canada

APPLICATION

For a mission application, or if you have any questions, please contact: **Joanne at 1-800-776-6855**
joannealbrecht@chalice.ca