



# Short Term Mission Trip: **Léogâne, Haiti**

**November 3 - 10, 2018**

**March 23 - 30, 2019**

## About Haiti

Despite its beautiful countryside and vibrant culture, Haiti has struggled to prosper under the weight of a long history of extreme poverty and continued political turmoil. This small country has suffered many devastating natural disasters and is still working to emerge from the earthquake of 2010.

Haiti's troubled history has left the country unable to stabilize, let alone advance. While many countries in the region have

experienced economic growth over the past three decades, Haiti still struggles but continues to try to make the best of things. Most Haitians live on just \$1.25 per day. This low wage contributes to many health issues, including a high rate of malnutrition and maternal mortality.



## Haiti Partners

**Hôpital Sainte Croix (HSC)** is located in Léogâne, twenty miles west of Port-au-Prince. HSC started as a small outpatient clinic in 1968 and has grown to become a 60-bed regional medical facility serving the greater Léogâne region of Haiti. It serves about 135,000 people in the local region as well as a greater referral area of about 1 million. HSC is one of MBF's long-standing global partners in medical missions. And since HSC's founding, MBF has faithfully supported their efforts to demonstrate Christ's love in the poorest countries in the western hemisphere.

Following the 2010 earthquake, MBF, individuals and church partners responded with generous support to help MBF fund the reconstruction of the hospital. HSC treated inpatients and outpatients in the original section of the hospital while renovations on the three-story building were being completed.

This once damaged building is now a restored facility equipped with running water and more reliable electrical power. The hospital is a 60-bed inpatient facility with maternity care, a dental clinic, and medical care for both chronic and acute illnesses. Each month they treat an average of 31,000 inpatients and see over 28,000 outpatients.

**The Darbonne Maternal & Child Health (MCH) Clinic.** For the developing world, infant and maternal mortality is a tremendous challenge. Often, women do not seek help with prenatal, delivery or postnatal care for themselves or their infant. The primary reason is that they simply cannot afford these services.

The Darbonne MCH Clinic serves as a primary health center for women and children. This is a comprehensive, holistic center for health also located in the Léogâne region. The clinic operates under the auspices of HSC. This outpatient clinic provides patient assessment, physician consultation and treatment, immunizations and family planning education. The clinic refers patients to HSC as needed. The clinic had 26,000 outpatient visits and delivered 634 babies in 2016.

**The FSIL nursing school** is part of the expanding medical outreach in Léogâne. MBF, in partnership with churches and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, secured ASHA Grants and support from partner congregations to build a nursing school. Dedicated in January 2005, the nursing school program is a part of the Episcopal University of Haiti and often referred to as FSIL (Faculty of Nursing Science of the Episcopal University of Haiti). Welltrained, quality nurses are in short supply in Haiti. With an overall need for improved training, the nursing school addresses the serious medical staff shortage not only at nearby Hôpital Ste. Croix, but throughout Haiti. FSIL is the only baccalaureate nursing school in Haiti with a current enrolment of about 150 students.



## Serving in Haiti

### Team Selection

All volunteers interested in serving are encouraged to apply. In an effort to better serve MBF partners in Haiti, volunteers selected for this trip will be based on specific manpower requests by the partner. This team will be comprised of 15 members, with priority given to medical professionals. Rudy Roth, MD will serve as medical team director. Construction and operational team members will likewise be selected for specific projects.

### Medical Specialties Needed

Medical professions typically serve in a training capacity and clinical settings. Some of the specialties more frequently requested include:

- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Internal Medicine
- Obstetrician/Gynecology
- Emergency Medicine
- General Surgery
- Nurse Practitioners/ Physician Assistants
- Nurses
- Dentistry
- Radiology/Sonography/ Ultrasound

### Estimated Cost of Trip

The estimated cost is \$900 plus airfare. Trip fee includes in-country ground transportation, translators, gratuities, housing and meals at HSC guesthouse.

### Housing

The second floor of HSC has been set up as guest housing. This air-conditioned facility provides a common area for visiting teams to meet and enjoy meals together.

### Next Steps

1. Complete trip application. The deadline: September 15, 2018 OR December 15, 2018
2. Complete background search document
3. Get a passport/ check your expiration date.
4. Schedule vaccinations and immunizations
5. Participate in team orientation via conference calls prior to the trip
6. Recruit friends and colleagues to pray for and encourage you as you prepare and participate on the mission trip.



## About MBF

MBF is a Christ-centered organization dedicated to transforming lives by working with the indigenous church in developing countries to build sustainable medical ministries and share the Gospel.

800-547-7627 • info@mbf.net • www.MBFoundation.org  
9555 W. Sam Houston Pkwy S., Suite 170 Houston, TX 77099