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# JOSHUA



## EXPEDITION

### ASSIGNMENT: HAITI

I WILL GIVE YOU EVERY PLACE  
WHERE YOU SET YOUR FOOT

JOSHUA 1:3

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# THE CALL

**“I’M LOOKING FOR A FEW YOUNG MEN WHO WILL GO INTO THE HELL-HOLES OF HAITI AND PRAY OUT THE DARKNESS.”**

This was the challenge that Leonard Ravenhill made to us on a video in 1983, soon after our first trip into Haiti. In Haiti, we had seen for the first time the sobering reality of what before had only been pictures on a television screen. The swollen bellies, rampant starvation and malnutrition, all this in a land ravaged by misuse. We were broken and burdened by the gravity of what we saw with our eyes and felt with our spirits. Brother Ravenhill had come to the same conclusion that burdened our hearts: **For Haiti to change, it would take God’s people praying.**

## **JOSHUA EXPEDITION**

The *Joshua Expedition* is our response to that burden and calling. In the Old Testament, the promised land that God swore on oath to give to Abraham was just waiting for Joshua and the children of Israel to possess. The only problem was that Canaan was inhabited by a people who worshiped foreign gods. God commanded the Israelites to physically go and march around the city of Jericho seven times. He ordered that the Ark and the whole camp circle Jericho in silence until the seventh day. On that seventh day, the people were to give a loud shout, and the city’s walls would fall and it would be taken and devoted to God!

## **THE RIGHTEOUS FOLLOWING THE ARK OF THE COVENANT**

We have felt a very similar calling to the people and nation of Haiti. The Ark of the Covenant represented a type of the Holy Spirit which the Israelites were to follow. Joshua’s command was to circle the city following the “Ark.” ***So he had the ark of the LORD carried around the city...Josh 6:11.*** We endeavor to enter Haiti only as God leads us by the Holy Spirit. We pray earnestly for God’s leadership, for

## **HONORING YOUR LOCAL CHURCH**

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We as a ministry recognize that it is “now, through the church”<sup>(Eph 3:10)</sup> that God is manifesting Himself on earth. We hold the local church in high esteem and want to do everything in our power to honor what God is doing in each location. Therefore, we ask that all those going with us on expeditions/assignments be “clear” with their pastor or the leadership of the fellowship to which you are committed.

Because we embrace all parts of the body of Christ we recognize how “clear” is defined may be different for each church situation. Therefore, we simply have to trust the Holy Spirit to help each person and pastor come to that decision. Like most everything, it is usually a matter of good communication between the two parties and the mind of Christ being revealed. Thank you for your understanding.











## JUST THE FACTS

- ◆ Haiti is about the size of Maryland and lies just 700 miles south of the Florida Keys.
- ◆ Haiti was once the wealthiest country in the Caribbean, bearing the title of "Mahogany Queen" for its rich supply of mahogany. Today Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.
- ◆ Haiti shares the Island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic.
- ◆ The primary religion in Haiti is Roman Catholic at 80%, with an overwhelming majority practicing Voodoo. Protestant churches claim approximately 16%.
- ◆ Haiti is hot, with average temperature between 85-90 degrees.
- ◆ It takes approximately one hour and forty minutes to fly to Haiti from Miami.
- ◆ Hand to the Plow has been leading groups into Haiti since 1983.
- ◆ The name "Haiti" means Land of many mountains.
- ◆ In 1992 the estimated population of Haiti was 6.7 million.
- ◆ The average life expectancy in Haiti is 47.26 years.
- ◆ Phyllis Newby has been serving in Haiti since 1972.
- ◆ Six out of ten children die before the age of five.
- ◆ The official language of Haiti is French but the common language of the people is Creole.

**permitted! If we go to the beach please plan to wear a t-shirt over your one piece swimming suit.**

Most Haitian women wear dresses especially in the Christian community. We do not demand American women be obligated to this but encourage you to seek the Lord on whether or not you should observe this custom. However, we do require that women bring a dress or skirt for whatever church services we may attend.

**Q. How much luggage can I bring?**

A. Each person will be allowed one checked piece of luggage weighing no more than 50 pounds and can be no more than 62 inches in total dimension. One carry-on weighing no more than forty pounds and forty-five inches in total dimension is allowed per person.

**Q. Will I need extra money?**

A. We do suggest you bring some extra money. While all meals will be covered by the Ministry, we may take one day to visit different "Marketplaces" where souvenirs are available. There is also the possibility of eating out for which you would need to use your own money.

**Q. How can I best prepare myself?**

A. Spiritual preparation is of utmost importance for a Joshua Expedition to Haiti. We go to do more than just build a building or pour a cement floor. We go to minister Jesus through the love of the Holy Spirit.

Haiti is primarily a voodoo or occult worshiping nation. The powers of darkness are great, but this should not alarm or frighten us. Jesus said, "some things come only through prayer and fasting." Therefore, we ask each participant to prepare by designating times of prayer each day and times of fasting each week. This will help to prepare your heart to minister to the Haitian people.

## PRAYING FOR A JOSHUA EXPEDITION

*"SOME THINGS COME ONLY THROUGH PRAYER AND FASTING."*

- √ **Pray specifically for the spiritual atmosphere of the Joshua Expedition.**
- √ Pray for the mind of Christ among the group.
- √ Pray that God will demonstrate His love through us.
- √ **Pray that we will be culturally sensitive.**
- √ Pray for physical and spiritual preparation.
- √ Pray all goes smoothly at the airlines with tickets & luggage.
- √ Pray for safe flights to and from Haiti.
- √ Pray for ease in going through custom lines, that no items will be confiscated.
- √ Pray for safety as we travel to and from various locations.
- √ Pray for the people and spiritual climate of village we will be in.
- √ Pray all needed supplies will be on site with no difficulty.
- √ Pray for wisdom of leadership.
- √ **Pray that the group will be unified.**
- √ Pray for protection of group.
- √ Pray for our times of fellowship.
- √ Pray for good weather conditions in Haiti.
- √ Pray that our light and love will put much darkness to flight.
- √ **Bind voodoo, confusion, poverty, sickness, disease and all the powers of darkness at work in Haiti.**
- √ **Pray for the Haitian team.**
- √ Pray that God will reveal Himself in a special way.
- √ **Ask for God's help and wisdom as you return to the U.S. and that He will show you how to respond to what you've experienced.**

## TEN EASY CREOLE GREETINGS

First is listed the greeting in English .

Second is the greeting written in Creole.

Third is the pronunciation.

Good morning.

Bon jour.

**Bon jour.**

Good evening.

Bon soir.

**Bon swa.**

How are you?

Koman ou ye?

**Koma oo yay?**

Jesus loves you.

Jezu rinmin ou.

**Jayzoo raymay oo.**

What is your name?

Kouman ou rele'?

**Koma oo raylay ?**

How old are you?

Ki la ou?

**Ki laj oo?**

I am from Florida!

Mouin soti Florida!

**Mway soti Florida!**

I am very well!

Mouin tre Bien!

**Mwy tray Bein!**

God bless you!

Bondye' Benni Ou!

**Bon Dur Benni oo!**

My name is John.

Mouin rele John.

**Mway raylay John.**