



Haiti Internship Information Sheet

We are so thankful you have decided to join the Global Partners Team in Haiti. It is our desire that during your time with us as an intern you will grow in your faith, have a deeper revelation of God, and will leave with a great passion to *share and show* His love among the nations, possibly serving long-term with Global Partners.

Ministry

The main place you will be serving is at the Rev Home with the children/young adults in the two homes have had very difficult pasts, but with God's help and by His grace we believe a bright future is ahead of them. These children need and crave unconditional love. It is typical that some of the children will love you right away, while others will test you to see if you truly do care about them. There will be other opportunities to serve with some local ministries with which Amber partners, as well as helping Amber with daily tasks that must be completed. Some may have the opportunity to prepare for and serve short-term teams coming to Haiti. The internship is much different than a short-term trip. The internship will give you a much better idea of what daily life is like for a missionary. There are four things that are vital to your internship, and if you actively practice these four things, you will have a great internship which will not only impact your life, but the lives of many in Haiti as well.

- 1) A *listening ear and obedience* when God speaks to you
- 2) A *Servant Attitude and Heart* – being willing to do the “dirty” jobs and to put others before yourself
- 3) A *Humble Attitude* – God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble
- 4) A *Teachable Spirit* – go with the idea of doing much more learning/listening than teaching/talking.

Safety

This is a priority for all interns. Haiti is a very impoverished country and typically crime exists where there is poverty. For your own physical safety, it is very important you follow all guidelines set for you by Amber Hasson, GPPD Associate. If you get into a situation where you must go outside the normal guidelines, it is imperative you call Amber to make her aware of the situation and get her advice as to what you should do. Stepping outside of the safety boundaries could cause physical harm to you and possibly others, hurting the future of the ministry in Haiti.

Living Arrangements

Depending on the number of interns serving in Haiti at the same time, you will either live at the home of Amber Hasson or live in the Rev Home. Haiti is very hot and humid. Expect uncomfortable living

conditions. Many times there is not electricity at night so there is no fan to blow air on you. Plan to sweat and take cold showers. This is not to discourage you, but to be realistic with your expectations.

Food

Purchasing food you are accustomed to eating in the US is very expensive in Haiti. This doesn't mean you can't eat "American" food, just realize it is more costly. Interns can share cooking responsibilities, or if you prefer to eat a Haitian diet, a cook can be hired to make some of your meals. This can be worked out with Amber in advance.

Relationships with Opposite Sex

Our desire is that your focus be 100% on Jesus and your internship in Haiti. If you are currently in a relationship with someone in the US, please make us aware of this in advance so we can communicate some guidelines for your particular situation. It is ok to communicate with friends and family back in the states, but that should not be priority over serving, learning, and growing in Haiti. Absolutely no new romantic relationships are to be formed in Haiti while serving in the internship.

Important Rules and Guidelines

1. Curfew is 6pm each night unless you are with Amber or it has been previously approved by Amber. Again, as mentioned above, this is for your safety.
2. Do not go anywhere alone. Have someone with you at all times while outside of the Rev Home or Amber's home. If a child from the REV Home requests you to go outside the compound to purchase items, you must get approval first.
3. If you plan to spend time at the Transition Home for older boys, it must be approved by Amber. Girls are not to ever go alone.
4. Do not invite people from outside the REV ministry into the Rev Home or Amber's home without permission.
5. If you are spending one on one time with a member of the opposite sex, it must be done in an open space where others are present.
6. Be aware that many kids will not have the opportunity to visit the states. Before talking or trying to arrange for a child to go to the US, please talk with Amber first.
7. When buying things for the REV Home kids, anything over \$50 must be approved by Amber first.
8. There is staff available to help you with some of your needs. Upon arrival, please speak with Amber about this.
9. Do not give out your phone number or email to people outside of REV Ministry without communicating with Amber.
10. Respect the rules and boundaries placed by the REV Home for the kids. Amber will communicate their daily schedules and rules upon your arrival.

Finances

Both you and your supporters can give toward your internship directly through Global Partners in Peace and Development. You/They can send a check to GPPD, PO BOX 117, Blue Ridge, VA 24064 (include a separate note stating that the funds are for you) or give online via your personal Flipcause account. All gifts are tax-deductible. Your donors will receive a contribution statement by mail or email (if done online). They will also receive a year-end tax statement in January for all contributions made during the previous year.

There is a \$100 non-refundable application fee for your internship (first time applicants). There will be a \$400 Administration Fee for the first month for all new interns (\$200 for returning interns) and \$100 Administrative Fee for each additional month you serve in Haiti. After the first month, if you are not staying a full month in Haiti, the Administrative fee will be pro-rated per day.

Below is the typical cost of an internship. A cost calculator will be sent to you once details of travel are worked out, but this will give you a good idea of the estimated costs unless Amber arranged with you personally a different cost breakdown for a specific purpose.

Breakdown of Cost:

\$100 – Application Fee (for 1st time interns)

\$300 – Administrative Fee (first month for new interns) (\$200 for returning interns)

\$600 - \$900 – Airfare (one-time cost)

\$100 - Administrative Fee (for each additional month you are in Haiti)

\$600 – Housing (includes all utilities such as gas, water, electric, etc.)

\$45 – Travel/Overseas Insurance (monthly)

\$250 – Food (arrangements will be made with Amber and other interns how this will be spent)

*if serving with a GPPD team, there will be an optional cost for eating meals with the teams at House of Hope (recommended)

\$100 – extra monthly spending money for local transportation, ministry opportunities, possible beach trip, food outside of home, etc.

Global Partners will work with you to find the best possible airfare to/from Haiti from the city you desire to fly out. Typically, we request you to purchase your own airfare after you are approved to be an intern and dates are confirmed by both GPPD and Amber. You can be “reimbursed” with funds that you have raised in your GPPD account if there is enough to cover the cost.

The Travel/Overseas Insurance covers you in case there is a medical emergency and an emergency airplane evacuation is needed. The cost is approximate as the final cost is contingent upon length of stay and age.

For interns staying longer than 6 months, you will receive a financial report from GPPD informing you of how much you have in your account, who gave to you during the month, and how much was taken out

of your account. For specific questions about your account, please contact Edith Grooms at egrooms@gpartners.org.

Each month, \$950 will be sent to Amber from your account. \$600 will go to Amber towards housing and \$350 will be given to you for food and extra expenses. If that money is not in your account, you will need to take it with you to Haiti to cover these expenses. If for some reason you were to receive funds directly from GPPD, you must turn in "business-related" receipts to cover the amount sent to you or you will receive a 1099 tax form in January stating you received funds from GPPD as personal income.

If there are funds left in your account after the internship, there are 3 options from which you can choose:

- 1) put the funds toward a future GPPD mission work/internship
- 2) put the funds toward a specific GPPD project or cause (such as the Rev Home)
- 3) put the funds in the GPPD General Fund

Funds that are donated to your account by other donors cannot be returned to you because of tax purposes and IRS regulations.

Please contact us with any specific questions you may have in regard to finances.

Haiti Intern Covenant

I covenant to give of myself to accomplish the things God has called me as an individual and us as a team to accomplish. By signing this covenant I commit to...

- abide by the given rules
- love and esteem others higher than myself
- be honorable in my thoughts and actions
- respect those who are in authority over me, including other missionaries and interns
- encourage other interns and those I am serving
- listen and obey God's Word and His voice when He speaks to me
- Glorify Christ and tell others about what He has done in my life

I understand that if I do not abide by the rules and covenant outlined in this document that I will be sent back to the USA and I am responsible to pay for the cost to change the date of my return ticket or to purchase a new ticket.

Please sign and date this document and covenant stating that you have read the document and agree to abide by its contents:

Intern Signature: _____

Intern Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Intern Parent Signature (if intern is under 18): _____

Intern Parent Printed Name: _____

Date: _____