



Come Along with Us...

Hope for Haiti Summer Mission

An Answer to Prayer...

Having lived in a third world country greatly impacted both Pete and me. So, over the years we have prayed for an opportunity to share this experience with our children. Our hope has been to give our kids a broad perspective of the people of our world who live so differently than us privileged Americans and thus to live mindfully.

Well, answered prayers come in surprising ways! During 2017, while caring for my mom, we fell in love with her friends, Bill and Patti Wheeler, who made several visits down to California from their home in Idaho. Unbeknownst to us, this relationship would become a deep blessing in not only the love shared, but also the invitation to go with Patti and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of St. Maries, Idaho, on a mission trip to Haiti!

So, here we are! Caris and I are setting off June 15-24 with a team of 16 from St. Paul's on an adventure to one of poorest countries of the world to love the children served by Village of Hope (a boarding school and medical clinic) and Little Children of Jesus (an orphanage caring for abandoned children with special needs).

A word from Caris:

Hello Friends and Family! I am super excited to be going to Haiti this summer with my mom and our dear friend, Patti! This is an amazing opportunity to share Jesus' love with those in need.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and relies heavily on international aid. The country has been ravaged by hurricanes and earthquakes in the recent past causing even greater need. Overall, this country needs the love and hope of God!

Our team will be bringing much needed supplies in large suitcases! Last year, the team took over one ton of items ranging from diapers to formula to school supplies to matchbox cars. We are hoping to do the same this year!

I am looking forward to our time at Village of Hope, helping at the clinic, doing VBS with the children at the school, and playing with the children who have developmental delays. We will also work wherever there is need, such as painting, doing construction, or working on other projects.

The other main location where we will serve is The Little Children of Jesus orphanage for children with physical or mental disabilities. We will be helping the staff by playing, feeding, helping dress, and ministering to the children. We hope to be the hands and feet of Jesus to them!

I wish all of you could come physically with us on this journey. Please join us in prayer!



Come along with us. Before our trip we will notify you in the ways you can stay up to date as we go to Haiti. In the meantime, please **pray** for us as we venture into the instability of Haiti's political and social poverty. Join us by **investing** resources into this mission. Partner with us by **donating** supplies.

Pray: We fully expect this trip to be transformational spiritually, emotionally, and mentally for us. Come along with us in partnership through prayer for effective service, safety, and changed lives. Come love the people of Haiti through prayer.

Invest: Come along with us by investing financially in making this mission possible! Our costs are approximately \$4000 total. Financial donations toward this mission can be made to us directly. *We pledge before you and before God to use these finances with integrity and for the purposes intended. Full accountability will be provided by our home church, Epiclesis. IRS regulations for charitable donations do not allow non-profits to receive designated giving, therefore checks should be written directly to us.*

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Donate Supplies: If you are within the Sacramento area, we will be raising awareness by gathering much needed supplies for the school, clinic, and orphanage. If you desire to contribute in this way, contact Christy for a list of supplies.

Thank you for coming along with us!

Christy with Caris (Pete and Nathan, too, on the homefront!)

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For more information on Village of Hope:
villageofhopehaiti.org

YouTube of last year's Haiti trip:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhd2jlEMWt>