

Bowman -Francis Ministry Projects

Mission Jamaica '11

*Then I heard the Voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" -Isaiah 6:8*

Dear Friends,

We would like to share with you an incredible opportunity to *Serve* others with others through evangelism. The Bowman-Francis team is planning a mission trip to Kingston, Jamaica this November. **Mission Jamaica 2011** promises to be an exciting and eye-opening time of ministry. We are very excited about the expression of outreach that God has provided for us this fall! We are looking for a few people to join us in answering God's call and say "*Here I am. Send me!*"

While the picture in many peoples mind of Jamaica is of white sand and beautiful beaches, for some of the resident's life is poverty, homelessness and hunger. During the service time the mission team will visit an orphanage, and medical clinic. The team will also hold some fundraising concerts in an effort to raise money to support the local soup kitchen and ministries that support the poor.

The mission trip is scheduled for November 10-13, 2011. Our challenge will be to share our lives through service. Throughout our experience on the mission field, we will also enjoy the sights and sounds and have some fun & shopping. Further along in this packet you will find a detailed itinerary.

Participating in Mission Jamaica '10 was very rewarding, uplifting and spiritual. I want to do all I can to help make the trip a rewarding experience for you. I hope that you will thoughtfully and prayerfully consider if **Mission Jamaica 2011** might be something you want to be part of. If it is, I'll be happy to talk with you and answer any of your questions. Feel free to contact me at 317-523-0900 (cell).

Yours in Christ,

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Bowman Francis Ministries

Enclosures

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Bowman -Francis Ministry Projects Mission Detail

Project Overview:

There is a remarkable difference between reality and Jamaica's image as a carefree, tropical paradise. The island beaches and vacation spots are beautiful and inviting. However, money from tourism doesn't reach into the interior. There are areas within Jamaica where people are without running water or electricity. These are the people we want to show God's love.

Ministry Description:

Tri-Fold Mission

We will be visiting a state run orphanage/nursery and spending some time connecting with the residents. We are asking for donations of gifts (hygiene products, (deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste etc.), school supplies, (pencils, reward stickers, markers, coloring books & crayons etc). We want to show the *motherless* and *fatherless* the love of Our Father.

We will also render service by volunteering at a neighborhood medical clinic. This clinic is part of a program provided by a local church. In addition to volunteering, we will also be donating medical supplies.

We will culminate our last day in Kingston worshipping in a morning service. After church.....we will celebrate the **Feast of the Harvest** festival Jamaican style! There will be lots of music, and Jamaican Cuisine!! (some American too) **The Feast of the Harvest** represents the grace of God to provide a plentiful harvest.

Food & Lodging:

You will be lodged in dorm style rooms. Bedding will be provided. Each room includes its own bathroom and balcony. There are full kitchens available for our use on each floor. During our visit, it is customary to eat out as well as accept invitations from locals for dinner. Safe drinking water is provided. The approximate cost of your stay at the dorm is \$25.00 per night, \$6.00 for breakfast and \$10.00 for dinner.

A deposit of \$100.00 is due by October 3, 2011 to cover the cost of lodging, food and tips.

Travel Information:

Airport & Transportation:

It is the responsibility of each person to make their own flight arrangements and should be made 21 days in advance. Airfare is approximately \$550.00

Ground transportation will cost \$30 (\$US).

Contact Information:

Please make checks and money orders payable to:

BOWMAN FRANCIS MINISTRY

815 E. 58th St.

Indianapolis, IN 46220

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Visa & Passport:

A valid passport is required to travel outside of the United States. A visa is not required during short stays in Jamaica. For more information on obtaining a passport, visit <http://www.usps.com/passport/>

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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
Kingston Jamaica

Please complete all sections.

Please print or write legibly. Thank you!

Section1. Personal Information

Please Print Name: (as it appears on passport): _____

Country of passport: _____

Passport Number _____ Date Passport Expires is: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Cell Phone: _____

Personal E-Mail: _____

We must have a home **or** work email for every volunteer.

Communication is critical for team planning and updates.

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Section 2. Employment Information

Employer: _____ Years employed there _____

Your current position/job title _____ Profession:

Specialties (if applicable) _____

Work Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Work Phone: _____ Work Fax: _____

Work E-Mail: _____

Section 3. Personal Health Status -

Working in a developing country can present a strenuous and stressful environment.

Mission Teams have very long days.

- A. Are you physically fit and free of medical conditions or disabilities that could limit your activities and/or prevent you from safely performing the volunteer services for which you are applying? **Yes**__ **No**__ If no, please give details:

- B. Do you have any dietary restrictions? No __ Yes__ If yes, please give details: _____

Please list known allergies: _____

Medications Currently Used: _____

C. Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone _____

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Section 4: Agreement and Commitment

I submit my application to be on the Mission Jamaica 2011 *Mission Team*. I will be committed to all phases of the mission and transformational opportunity this experience provides.

▶ **All volunteers are expected to cover:**

- **the costs of housing and meals (avg. \$30 - \$35.00)**
- **all travel-related expenses (airline ticket, check-in baggage, departure fee)**

I agree to contribute or help in acquiring donations for the orphanage and/or medical clinic.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section 5: Next Steps

The Bowman Francis Ministry will review completed applications on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please send the completed, signed application, by **September 26, 2011** to:

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