

Wellspring of Life

Wellspring of life is a non profit ministry. The focus of this ministry is to provide fresh potable water to those who do not have it, and in doing so, share with them the “Living Water of Jesus Christ.” This ministry utilizes well drilling as a tool to build relationships and open doors to sharing the love of Jesus. Wellspring of Life ministry is currently operating in Haiti and Honduras. While the focus of their ministry is the same, the nature of the mission trip varies between the two countries they are currently serving. Wellspring currently hosts and facilitates teams to: drill wells, construct churches, schools, & homes, conduct women’s, men’s, youth, & children’s ministry, medical teams, evangelism teams, and to conduct both adult & youth conferences and revivals.

To help provide you with additional specific details pertaining to both Haiti and Honduras, below, we have provided a Question/Answer (Q/A) Format. Along with constant prayer and direction from God, may you discover if this ministry is meant for you.

Q: What should I expect for a typical work day in the Honduras?

A: Typically we would get up around 5:00 or 5:30 and do an hour of devotional and study as a group, then we would head to breakfast. We would like to be at the work site around 8:00 a.m. at the latest. The work day will conclude at 4:00 p.m. because of the intensity of the heat will drain everyone more than they believe. We will hold a group debriefing each evening after dinner.

Q: Is Haiti and Honduras the only location for drilling water wells with this ministry?

A: *Currently Wellspring of Life is actively working in these two nations with the goal of adding other areas as the opportunity arises. Wellspring of Life has partnered with another NGO (Cepudo) in the province of San Pedro Sula, Honduras to drill at least 10 wells per year. They also have an opportunity to build small homes. Haiti is a very poor country that desperately needs a healing touch.*

Q: What size groups are preferred for the work in both Haiti and Honduras?

A: A minimum of two (2) people plus the drill leader (Bob Coder) to drill...we could handle up to eight (8) drilling by alternating teams. In other words, while one group of four (4) is drilling, the other group could be doing ministry at the well site (children's ministry). A group size of at least five (5) can put a home up in one week.

Q: Where will we stay and eat while on our mission trip?

A: *“ Generally” speaking, most of the work in Honduras is in the San Pedro Sula area which affords great housing and meal options; however, since Haiti is much less developed than Honduras the conditions will be tougher. Depending upon where we’re working while in Haiti, we could be staying in an ocean side hotel or we could be in the mountains in a hut. Food will also be different in Haiti, as there are not any American style restaurants. The basic food is rice, beans, bananas, melons, and other fruits.*

Q: What type of clothing should I bring?

A: *You will want to bring clothes that you do not care if you bring them back home. Drilling is very dirty and greasy work. Both men and women can wear shorts and a t-shirt when drilling. You will also need to bring a pair of long pants and a collared shirt for men and a dress or skirt for women for church services. Modest apparel is always suggested.*

Q: Do I need a mosquito net or Malaria drugs?

A: *Both are suggested for some of the areas that we may be traveling, but, these items may not be mandatory for other areas. Please contact your local health dept. and request a confirmation from our guide as to the area you will be staying for each specific trip. **Do not forget your insect repellent.***

Q: What shots should I have before traveling?

A: *See “Attachment A”. Also, keep in mind that you may need to take some shots at least 6 weeks prior to leaving. Also, please contact the Houston County Health Dept. at 334-678-2800 to confirm the current list of recommended shots.*

Q: What is the cost for the trip?

A: The cost for either Honduras or Haiti is \$900.00 + Airfare, if a minimum of four (4) people go on the trip. (The costs increase per person if three (3) or less participate, due to minimum fixed costs. The costs do not go down below the price above/person

if there are more than four (4) people. The cost is the same for drilling wells or building houses. Most of the costs are travel, room, board, vehicle rentals, food, etc.; not the projects themselves. You will need to bring additional funds for onsite charitable contributions and/or souvenirs. The \$900 listed above is due 40 days in advance of departure with the balance (airfare) due two weeks prior to departure. We can schedule one trip right behind the previous one with no problem.

Q: What if someone wanted to stay an additional week or two past the first initial week for building houses, is that possible? And if so, how much extra per week is the extended cost?

A: Yes, we could arrange to have some stay over and take on another project. In that case the cost would be reduced, but since we haven't encountered that scenario yet we'll have to work up some figures for you.

Q: Say for instance a group drills a well the first week and wants to stay an extra week to build a house, is there typically a need to build a house in the same general areas as to where the wells are located?

A: Yes, generally we could build a house in the same area, or near-by.

Q: What religion is practiced in these countries?

A: *In Haiti there is a saying that 90% of Haiti is Catholic and 100% is Voodoo....that simply means that Voodoo is king and is intertwined with Catholicism. In Honduras the battle is with Catholicism that has been blended with animism and spiritism.*

Q: Will I have access to email and internet calling to the states?

A: *In Haiti you most likely will not have either, unless we are on the coastal plain. In Honduras it is available.*

Q: Do I need any special training to go?

A: *Yes and No. If you are going to Honduras we will be using a trailer mounted drill rig and you can be trained on the job. However, if going to Haiti we will be using a portable rig that will need to be assembled in the field and training for this equipment is recommended prior to going. For a pre-Haiti training trip, you can go*

to Bethpage, TN where you will be housed and fed for 5 days while learning everything you need to know to make sure the drilling goes smoothly. The cost of this training is \$335.00

Q: How many wells can be drilled at one time?

A: We can only do one well at a time; however, we could do several houses if we have enough personnel.

Q: How much would another drilling rig cost for Honduras and another drilling rig for Haiti or maybe even in another country you may already be focusing on?

A: The cost for a total drill package is in the \$85,000.00 range and Wellspring Of Life would love to have more equipment. This price may also cover freight, depending on where the equipment is being sent.

Q: Is there a limit as to how many wells are needed to be drilled?

A: *There* will never be a shortage of wells needed. We could not get enough rigs in operation to run us out of work. In other words, 50% of the world's occupied hospital beds are a result of a water borne disease.

Q: Can we bring items/gifts with us on the trip to hand out to the children, etc.. such as candy?

A: You can take anything to give to the locals...we just need to do it in a prudent manner so we don't cause any `riots`!

Q: If we send out any letters to solicit some support for the finances, to whom do the financial supporters need to address the check?

A: If your group is planning on sending out solicitation letters (and I hope they are, because they are a means of allowing other people to sow into God's work) they need to include the following paragraph verbatim in the letter.

Please make all checks payable to: Wellspring of Life. If for any reason I can not

participate in this trip all monies will remain with Wellspring of Life for mission activities. Please include a separate note with your check stating my name and mission destination (Honduras). Do not write this on the memo line of the check!

This requirement is to satisfy IRS stipulations.

Q: When do we go?

A: *We have trips going to either Haiti or Honduras every month of the year. If you believe God is calling to experience a short term mission trip check your personal calendar for time available and then contact Wellspring of Life at: HYPERLINK "http://www.wellspringoflife.org" www.wellspringoflife.org or HYPERLINK "mailto:bcoder@tds.net" bcoder@tds.net*

Additional Notes:

- 1) *Do not delay to begin your passport process early. The time to process a passport or to renew one can vary greatly. It could be anywhere from 2 to 12 weeks before you get your passport. You will need a valid driver's license and your original birth certificate to apply for a passport.*
- 2) *Do not forget your shots as mentioned above.*

If you believe God is calling you to be an active participator in this mission, please contact us and join our team and let's allow God to lead the way! Remember, time is short, so whatever your calling is, act today. How eager are you to want to hear the words, "Well Done My Good And Faithful Servant."?

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20

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