Update on Haiti

From Una Jones, Missions Volunteers

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Phase Two:

Mike Willis will arrive in Haiti Jan 24th and will transition from Tom Vencuss who was there between Jan 2 – 16th. These two experienced UMVIM Coordinators are supporting the Mission Volunteer office and the wider UMVIM community to further assist Brulan Jean Michel, EMH Guest House Manager, in Haiti. We all know, Brulan is extremely capable but have graciously accepted and welcomed our assistance and support. Bishop Paul also requested a Mission Volunteer (Individual) who could further assist hopefully for a longer term. Therefore, we are in the process of confirming the Mission Volunteer's placement, starting early in Feb, 2017.

Furthermore, please note, these basic outlines are for UMVIM teams, and does not apply to UMC Haiti Partners because over the years they have developed their own process. And jointly, we can all work together to engage "with" the EMH/Haiti. I do believe many of us are of one mind to bring about empowerment, relationships, and sustainability. This outline will be assess in April and then in June again. Let's all work together to enhance God's mission in Haiti.

The recovery from the hurricane is a priority for EMH and teams should honor our host and adhere to where they are assigned us.

- All team scheduling will be process through Brulan.
- After much discussion we concluded $3500 per team is the final project contribution and is subject to 5% Admin fee, the same process we've used in the pass.
- Team leaders and at least 50% of team members should have been to Haiti before.
- The Ratio 2:1 is what we continually support, providing Haitian community involvement, and honoring UMVIM's request to be engaged in communities. However, again honor our host and try to live into this community engagement.
- Il other fees are still standard, e.g. housing, meals, transport, translators, and EMH Guest House/s will provide transparency to teams prior to arriving in Haiti.
- No additional fees should be required on site or in country.
- One of our "Best Practices" as UMVIM is not to hand out cash, gifts, and any additional funds without going through the right channels.

Any additional information and questions should be channeled through our host, Brulan.
Contact: Mr Brulan Jean Michel email brulanj@yahoo.com
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If you have any further questions, please contact Ronda Cordill UMVIM Western Jurisdictional Coordinator at umvimwj@hotmail.com or call (509) 993-6753.

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