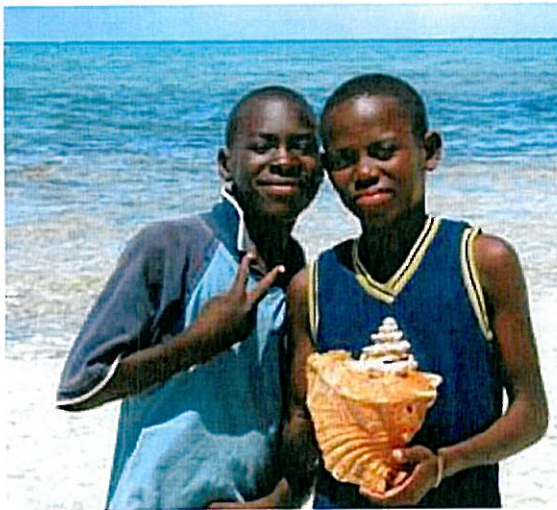


# Turks and Caicos



*Mission Trip to Haitian Immigrants  
on the Island of Providenciales*



March 28-April 5, 2012

Sponsored by:

***Redeemer Presbyterian Church***

(A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church - OPC)

***Ada, Michigan***

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## **You are invited...**

Come join us as we take the love of God to a needy people, remembering Christ's words to go into all the world with the Gospel! On this mission trip, we will be serving the Haitian immigrant community living on the island of Providenciales in the country of the Turks and Caicos. Not only will team members be actively experiencing hands-on ministry, God will change their lives through this experience!

## **What will we be doing?**

Each day we will be involved in ministering to the immigrant Haitian community in this English speaking country through testimonies and gospel presentations. You will be doing radio broadcasts, singing in front of local youth and children, speaking frequently in Haitian churches, and relationship building through the church youth ministries. We will also be participating in several chapel services at local private English speaking schools. Those applying to go should expect to be speaking and singing publicly each day.

## **How do I prepare for this mission trip?**

The Turks and Caicos is known as a tourist island, but we will be staying in a very poor part of the island of Providenciales. Those who sign up for this mission trip need the following: (1) To have a servant heart, (2) To be willing to do some personal study on the history of the Haitian people and the Turks and Caicos, (3) To attend several Sunday afternoon team preparation meetings, (4) To pray regularly for the team, (5) To work to raise and provide your own financial support, and (6) To prepare several testimonies for public presentation.

## **Accommodations**

The accommodations for our team will NOT be luxurious. You may be sleeping on an air-mattress on the floor, and you may be sharing a bath room with 10 other people! You will definitely be living out of a suitcase for a week, and are expected to happily do without the typical comforts of home. Our food will be provided by a group of Haitian women, and you will be served food that is not typically part of your diet: conch stew, ox tail, goat meat, and rice with beans will be on the menu. Those who commit to this mission trip must acknowledge that you will be stretched outside of your comfort zone!

## **Passports**

If you do not already have a passport, you will need to apply for one well in advance of the trip. It may take up to three months to receive a new passport in the mail, so you should apply as soon as you sign up for this mission trip.



## How can I sign up for this trip?

Only **fourteen** spaces for youth are available for this mission trip to the Turks and Caicos, and **six** adult spaces are available. **All** applications will be accepted on a **first-come, first-serve basis**. To secure your place on the team, you will need to carefully read and submit the following:

- A completed application form and agreement form.  
(Available from the church office or online: [www.opcinada.org](http://www.opcinada.org))
- A \$100 non-refundable deposit made payable to Redeemer Church.  
(This deposit will be applied to your total cost.)

## Cost? Total cost: \$1100 per person

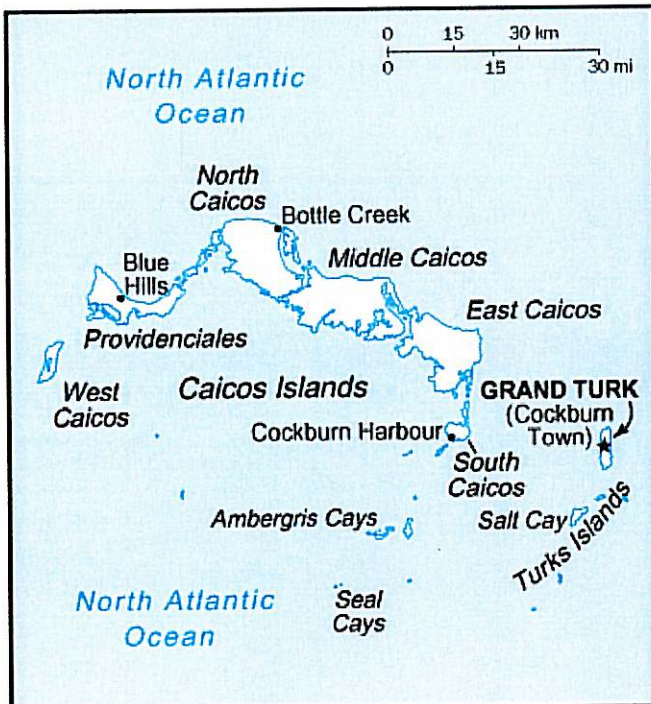
This includes ground and air travel from the U.S, ground travel, food & lodging in the Turks and Caicos. You will need to bring proof of personal health insurance and extra spending money for local crafts and snacks.

### Deadline to register: November 1, 2011

- \$100 due with application
- Payment of \$500 due by November 1, 2011
- Balance due February 1, 2012

(Make checks payable to: Redeemer Presbyterian Church.)

## Questions? Call Pastor Hausler...956-9000 (church) or 862-5485 (cell)



# Why do we send out mission teams from Redeemer?

- So that you may participate directly in the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:21)
- To raise up future career missionaries from this present generation. (Proverbs 22:6, Luke 10:2)
- To assist missionaries and church leaders overseas in reaching out to their community. (Galatians 6:2)
- To learn first-hand that we and Christians all over the world are all part of the body of Christ. (John 17:23; 1 Corinthians 12:12)
- To increase our love for people of other cultures and our vision for reaching them. (Luke 10:27; Matthew 9:36,37)
- Because we've been so blessed, and God calls us to be a blessing to the world. (Genesis 12:2-3)
- To plant seeds of faith that will last forever. (John 15:16)

## Travel Schedule...

### Wednesday, March 28

- 7:00 AM – Leave in vans from Redeemer Presbyterian Church
- 9:30 AM – Arrive ORD (Chicago O'Hare Airport)
- 12:45 PM – Leave ORD on American Flight #2074
- 4:45 PM – Arrive MIA (Miami International Airport)
- 6:20 PM – Leave MIA on American Flight #625
- 7:55 PM – Arrive PLS (Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands)

### Thursday, April 5

- 7:25 AM – Leave PLS (Providenciales) on American #464
- 9:15 AM – Arrive MIA (Miami International Airport)
- 10:55 AM – Leave MIA on American #703
- 1:15 PM – Arrive ORD (Chicago) – Drive back to Grand Rapids in vans



# Application

# Turks and Caicos 2012

## General Information:

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Full, legal first & middle names \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: Mo \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ (As of departure date: 3/28/2012)

T-shirt Size: S \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_

## Health Information:

General physical condition? \_\_\_\_\_ What allergies do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any sleeping disorders? (i.e.: excessive snoring, sleep-walking) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any health/physical limitations? \_\_\_\_\_ Any diet restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_  
(If yes for either of these questions, please explain on separate sheet of paper)

## Christian Life & Personal Information:

On separate paper, answer each question with a paragraph, numbered in order:

- 1) Describe how and when you came to know Jesus Christ as your Savior.
- 2) What do you personally hope to gain through going on this mission trip?
- 3) How will you think you will need to prepare for this trip, both spiritually and in other ways? What aspects of this mission trip will you particularly pray about?
- 4) What contribution do you feel you would make to the others going on the trip?
- 5) What talents and abilities do you bring with you? How has God gifted you?  
(educational training, music, teaching, languages, gifts, abilities)
- 6) Describe your occupation. (Students: State your favorite subject and why.)
- 7) What exposure have you had to missionaries? What do you think it takes to be a successful servant of the Lord long-term overseas?

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I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) agree to not hold Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Ada, MI, nor team leader, Eric Hausler, nor the Haitian pastors in TCI liable in the event of personal injury, illness, travel inconvenience, or other calamity. (Parents, sign for minors.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parental consent for minors:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) give my consent for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to go on a mission trip to the Turks and Caicos with Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Ada MI, under the direction of Rev. Eric Hausler.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of parent/guardian if participant is under 18)

# Agreement & Expectations

This missions trip to the Turks and Caicos is a "team" mission project and not a pleasure trip to the Caribbean. The following is a set of expectations for each team member. Please read the following items very carefully and initial each line to indicate your understanding of what is involved in this mission trip. **Initial each line after carefully reading the information:**

\_\_\_\_ I understand that the living conditions may be more primitive than in the U.S., and that there may be times when things do not go according to plan. I will endeavor to see God's sovereign and gracious hand in every change and in every inconvenience.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that since the Turks and Caicos is a foreign country, and that I will be among an immigrant community, I could unknowingly come in contact with persons carrying communicable diseases that are not typical in the United States.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that it is my responsibility to speak to my physician about the health risks of traveling to the Turks and Caicos, will seek his/her counsel concerning my travels, and that there may not be the same standard of modern emergency medical care as readily available as in the United States.

\_\_\_\_ In advance of this mission trip, I will seek to prepare myself by reading and studying about the history and current events of Haiti and the Turks and Caicos, by making team planning meetings a priority, and by personally praying for our team's preparations and ministry.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that this trip will involve times of personal spiritual reflection, Scripture reading, study, journal writing, group discussion, singing, preparing and presenting several personal testimonies of God's work in my life, and attendance at team meetings; and I am committed to participating in these activities that I might grow in the faith and be useful in serving the Lord.

\_\_\_\_ I will commit to finding two prayer-partners to pray for me daily during our trip.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that Pastor Eric Hausler and Pastor Edvard Jean (in TCI) are taking the lead and I am committed to following their directions and endeavoring to maintain a joyful, servant-spirit while on this mission trip.

\_\_\_\_ I will make it a priority to share with others what I have learned from this experience upon my return.

\_\_\_\_ I understand it will be expected for me...

- to have a servant spirit and endeavor to show myself as a disciple of Christ.
- to have the support of my family in participating in this project.
- to make it a priority to attend the preparation meetings before the trip begins.
- to cheerfully do without some of the comforts to which I am accustomed.
- to dress modestly and appropriately.

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(If under 18)