



UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# VIRTUAL MISSION TRIP 2024

TRAVEL GUIDE  
TO HAITI

## **ISAIAH 6:**

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!"

## **MATTHEW 28:18-19**

JESUS CAME AND SAID TO [THE DISCIPLES], "ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

# **Bonjour!**

(HELLO IN CREOLE)

For the 2024 Virtual Mission Trip at University Presbyterian Church, we are delighted to offer an opportunity to engage directly with UPC mission partners Bruce & Deb Robinson who work in Haiti. Fasten your seatbelts, put your tray tables in their upright and locked position, and settle in for a whirlwind trip to Haiti as we visit with these longtime mission partners who share the love of Jesus with their neighbors.

In this travel guide, you'll find information about the Robinsons as well as the area of Haiti in which they're serving. Merci beaucoup (French for thank you very much) for your support of UPC's core budget which helps fund these and many other mission partners around the world. Throughout our trip, as you journey deeper into the heart of God, you'll learn about how he is impacting Haiti through this ministry. I invite you to consider how God may be calling you to engage more deeply in outreach – in prayer, in giving, in serving, or in going!

**Grace et Paix.** (GRACE & PEACE IN FRENCH)

Rev. Ken Sunoo  
Pastor of Outreach



**362,551**  
PEOPLE  
CURRENTLY  
FORCED TO FLEE  
THEIR HOMES DUE  
TO VIOLENCE

**POOREST  
COUNTRY IN  
WESTERN  
HEMISPHERE** 1ST  
NATION  
EVER  
RULED BY  
FORMER  
SLAVES

# HAITI

**50 -** OF HAITIANS  
PRACTICE  
**80%** SOME FORM  
OF VOUDO

**50%** OVER  
ARE  
STRUGGLING  
TO FEED  
THEMSELVES

**THIS YEAR, VIOLENT  
GANGS LED AN  
INSURRECTION  
TAKING OVER THE  
COUNTRY &  
INCITING EXTREME  
VIOLENCE**

# BRUCE & DEB ROBINSON

## UPC MISSION PARTNERS TO HAITI

Fresh from a five month short term mission trip to Haiti Bruce showed in Seattle for a job at Boeing. While he was physically in Seattle: attending UPC and the Inn, frequenting Pike Place Market and Mount Rainer; his heart was in Haiti. Bruce felt the prompting of the Spirit but didn't think that God would use an engineer (little did he know that working in product development at Boeing was actually preparing him for problem solving in Haiti). At the time Boeing was rolling a 747 out the door every three working days, while the people in Haiti didn't have access to water and worse many didn't have Jesus the Living Water. Eventually, Bruce decided that Boeing could build airplanes without him and went to Tim Dearborn, the UPC missions pastor, from there Bruce returned to Haiti with an open ended commitment.

Forty some years later after a detour for Bible school and French language school; Bruce is still serving in Northwest Haiti. He continues to help the people and the churches get water and uses it as a tool to help people know Jesus.



Bruce met his wife Deb when she was working with Missionary Flights; a mission organization that takes missionaries and their cargo to Haiti. Bruce and Deb got married in 2000 & Deb partners in the mission with administration, accounting, and a child sponsorship ministry with Childcare Canada.

Bruce & Deb partner with four main organizations: they are sent by Crossworld, a US based mission, partner with UPC, and in Haiti work with ODRINO (Organization for Integrated Rural Development for Northwest Haiti) & the Union of Evangelical Baptist Churches of Haiti.

Haiti is a nation in economic and spiritual gridlock. You have to work in a lot of areas all at once because like the cars in a gridlock, you have to move all of them a little bit at the same time to get anything to break loose. Even though His main program was the salvation of humanity, when Jesus was confronted by a physical need, He met it.

Trauma, terror, kidnapping, injury and death are every day occurrences in today's Haiti. Bruce and Deb have been carefully slipping in and out of Haiti via side doors to keep working with the churches in Northwest Haiti. A number of churches are unable to meet right now because of the gang violence and mayhem and many of Bruce and Deb's peers have been victims or experienced close calls. The situation continues to deteriorate but the work of the Gospel goes on.

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BRUCE ROBINSON





# PRAY FOR HAITI

- >> FOR THE YOUNG MEN IN PASSE CATABOIS WHO NEED JESUS. AND SOME MEN WHO WORK WITH US WHO NEED JESUS.
- >> FOR THE ONGOING VIOLENCE AND POLITICAL TENSION.
- >> FOR THE SAFETY OF BRUCE AND DEB IN THEIR TRAVELS FROM AND TO HAITI AMIDST THIS STRIFE.
- >> FOR VBS CAMP AT ONE OF THE CHURCHES DURING MARDI GRAS. FOR THE SALVATION AND SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT OF THE CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS.

# WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

- >> **PRAY** FOR HAITI, AND FOR THE MINISTRIES OF OUR UPC MISSIONS PARTNERS.
- >> **GIVE** IN SUPPORT OF PARTNER MINISTRIES, AND MINISTRY PARTNERS.

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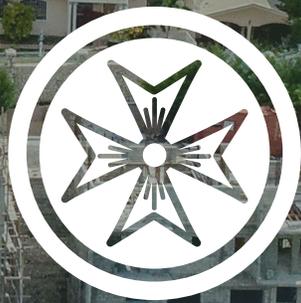
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