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Dear Friends and Family,

This summer I have committed to doing something exciting, risky, and full of faith. I am going with a team from my church on a seven day service endeavor into Haiti on 16-23JUNE 2009.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Close to 70 percent of the population lacks direct access to potable water at all times. There is no public school system. Unfortunately 95 percent of parents in Haiti have to pay tuition for their children - even the poorest of the poor. With the national unemployment rate close to 80 percent and the majority of the population living on less than \$1 per day, many families can not afford the cost of education. We want to meet the needs of the Haitian people in a similar way that Jesus met the needs of the poor and hurting.

Garber UMC has undertaken a number of initiatives to improve the lives of those in Haiti, including this seven day service endeavor. We send a team - composed of students and adults - to Haiti each year. We partner with the organization Hearts with Haiti and St. Joseph's Home for Boys outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Our journey includes service at:

- Blanchard School outside of Port-au-Prince, where we assist in learning projects with over 500 children;
- Mother Teresa Children's Hospital, where we feed, hold, and care for abandoned babies from across Haiti;
- Sisters of Mercy Home for the Destitute and Dying, where we care for and pray with terminally ill Haitians;
- and the Wings of Hope home for physically and mentally challenged children with whom we play games, care for, and feed.

Find out more by visiting our Haiti Webpage [garberumc.com/haiti](http://garberumc.com/haiti)

Each team member is required to raise \$700 towards the group's expense. This money will help cover supplies, lodging, meals, and transportation. Even with our annual student fundraisers... funds simply don't stretch far enough to cover all expenses.

Would you like to be a part of this experience by contributing towards our trip expense? Checks need to be made payable to "Garber UMC" (*memo: Haiti trip*) and return in the envelope provided before Sunday 26APRIL.

As a contributor, you are invited to a Contributors' Dinner where we will highlight our Haiti trip and share with you the experience you made possible. I will contact you after our Haiti trip to give you the date and time.

If you are unable to help financially, you can still contribute by praying for me and the team.

Thank you!

FUEL Student Ministries exists so students can FOCUS on God, UNITE with Christians, EXPLORE life as a disciple, and LAUNCH into serving the Church and the World.

**HAITI ENDEAVOR CONTRIBUTION**

Contributor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Contribution:  \$25       \$50       \$75       \$100       other: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations for Contributor Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_  unable to attend