

Team Leader Information and Trip Details

About the Trip Leader

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About the Trip

Location: Pignon, Haiti
Dates: February 10-18, 2018
Cost: \$1,220/person
Expected group size: 12
Trip Number: 90115

There are three good reasons to join a Fuller Center Building Adventure.

- Meeting the great people who join the building team.
- Meeting the wonderful people in the country.
- Building a house that will change the lives of a family and a community.

Mike says: I have recently participated in three Fuller Center Trips to Haiti and one to Nicaragua. I have also participated in building trips with Habitat for Humanity to Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Jamaica. I loved meeting the hard working families who were improving their lives by moving from housing that isn't really housing to a solid permanent house. I also loved meeting the teams who come from all over. A diverse bunch of people who agree that serving is better than being served. We look forward to recruiting a team of people who will work hard, have fun, and make a difference

Trip Details:

Pignon is a small city, about a 4 1/2 hour drive from Port Au Prince through some beautiful scenery, small towns, and after the first 3 hours the world champion of rough roads. We will be working on various parts of building a house for a family including digging, mixing concrete, assembling re-bar, sifting gravel to make sand and hauling rocks and blocks. Don't worry if you don't have any experience or aren't handy! There is work for all skill levels. Learning a new skill is part of the fun. We will be staying in a guest house that is run by the locals from Pignon. The accommodations are simple (similar to a hostel), but comfortable and safe. Meals are provided at the guest house and there is a nice yard to relax in before and after work.

We will arrive on February 10 and stay the night in Port au Prince. The following day we will be driven to Pignon by an experienced local driver, get settled at the guest house, and do a walking tour of Pignon. Most days we will head to the build site after breakfast, return to the guest house for lunch, and then work until late afternoon. The length of the day will be adjusted according to how tired everyone is and how high the temperature is. Now and then we'll take a few hours off to visit some local sights like schools, churches and markets. We will travel back to Port Au Prince on Saturday, visit a couple of interesting spots in Port au Prince, and stay the night before everyone catches a flight out on Sunday.

Additional Travel Opportunities: Some team members may want to add a few days after the building week to explore Haiti. This could be anything from a cross country hike to a stay at an all-inclusive resort. Let Mike know if you are interested.

