

About the Trip Leader

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Location: Pignon, Haiti
Dates: October 21-29, 2017
Expected group size: 10-12
Trip Number: 90116
Cost: \$1,200



I'm excited and honored to be leading your trip to Pignon, Haiti this October. I have enjoyed various types of volunteer work, including previous trips to Haiti to work with the Fuller Center on building projects. Its always a joy to meet and work with a diverse group of people from all different places and walks of life. Haiti is of particular interest to me because they are a country that is most in need of good housing, and because I speak French which gives me a little more ability to interact with locals, although many do speak English. I have found the Haitians to be very kind and welcoming

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 cement, assembling re-bar, and hauling rocks and bricks. Don't worry if you don't have any experience or aren't handy! There is work for all skill levels ranging from "What's a hammer?" to "Construction guru." Learning as you go 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 there and there is a nice yard to relax in before and after work.

We will arrive on the 21st and stay the night in Port au Prince. The following day we will be driven to Pignon by an experienced local driver and get settled at the guest house. There might be time to get started working, or at least get oriented with the build site. 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 their flight out on Sunday. Expect to meet some awesome people, have lots of laughs, sore muscles, and a great sense of accomplishment from the progress we made on the house.