

But God Ministries Internship

Congratulations on your upcoming internship with But God Ministries! We are very excited you will be serving with us in Haiti. In the pages that follow, you will find information for three phases of your internship: (1) Before going to Haiti, (2) While in Haiti, (3) Once you return from Haiti. We hope this information is helpful as you prepare for your internship. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not to hesitate to contact us at 601-983-1179.

BEFORE GOING TO HAITI...

1. Submit your internship application online.
2. Once your application is approved, work with us in the BGM office to secure flights. BGM can book the flight, and you will reimburse BGM as soon as the flight is secured. Or you can book them on your own – contact us for assistance.
3. Pay BGM other funds thirty days prior to departure: \$760 for first six nights, \$25 for every night thereafter. Annette will send you an invoice for this, payable 30 days before the trip.
4. Make sure you have a valid passport, and submit your Participant Information and Release Form online.
5. Get shots. The following are strongly recommended:
 - DPT – Tetanus/diphtheria update (if over 5 years rather than the usual 10 due to the exposure risk)
 - Hepatitis A and B
 - Typhoid (oral or injection)
 - Oral malaria prophylaxis – Some people have an adverse reaction to the malaria medicine and may opt not to take it. Our missionaries do not take it.

The health department is the most cost efficient provider. Also, please check with your primary care physician about any additional vaccinations you may need before traveling.

6. Review packing list at <https://www.butgodministries.com/documents/Trip-Participant-PackingList.pdf>
Prepare to follow the dress code as stated on this packing list: THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. We are very strict about enforcing this, so you need to come to Haiti prepared with the proper clothes. Take enough clothes for at least one

week. You will be able to use the washing machine at the Hope Center where you will be staying.

7. Take breakfast for the first week. Thereafter, give money for breakfast to translators who shop at a grocery store in Haiti each week.
8. Fundraising Ideas
 - a. You can prepare a letter that you can send to potential supporters.*
 - b. Secure BGM brochures from the BGM office.
 - c. Ask parents, grandparents, employers, home church, church mission groups, and Sunday School classes, among others.
 - d. Request that birthday presents and Christmas presents go towards your internship.
 - e. Ask to speak at your church (Sunday mornings may be possible but more likely Sunday nights or Wednesday nights).
 - f. Create a blog where you can share what you will be doing and then share on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media platforms.
 - g. Let people know they can send a check to BGM on your behalf and put your name on the memo line.
 - h. Include the BGM website, www.butgodministries.com, whenever you speak or write or post about your internship.

* Sample support letter at the end of this document

9. Suggested Books
 - a. "The Hole in Our Gospel" by Richard Stearns (theological framework)
 - b. "Charity Detox" by Robert Lupton (mistakes to avoid)
 - c. "Kisses from Katie" by Katie Davis (inspiring)
10. Review orientation document at <http://www.butgodministries.com/documents/Trip-Participant-Orientation.pdf>. All mission trip participants, including interns, need to know this information and follow the guidelines.
11. Review FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) at <http://www.butgodministries.com/faq-2/>.
12. Take \$75 cash for every week you will be staying. This is for spending money, though it is likely you will not need this much.

WHILE IN HAITI...

1. You will work and live as a follower of Jesus Christ and conduct yourself in accordance with Christian beliefs and principles.
2. You will work under the authority and supervision of the BGM missionaries.
3. You will be assigned duties by the BGM missionaries.
4. Your duties may change from week to week, day to day, hour to hour.
5. If a duty is not assigned, ask what else you can do, or take the initiative to begin something new that is helpful.
6. You must be very flexible in all aspects of your internship because change will happen constantly while you are there. There will be changes in schedule, duties, sleeping locations, food, and all other aspects of life in Haiti. If you are not flexible, an internship with BGM is not for you.
7. We will attempt to assign you responsibilities that correlate with your interest or your college major. For example, if you are studying for a career in the medical field, you may work in our medical clinic. If you are a business major, you may work in the Business Center in Galette Chambon helping to coach Haitian entrepreneurs who are attempting to start a business. There will also be responsibilities that have nothing to do with your college major or future career plans. These responsibilities may include menial tasks that simply need to be done for BGM to function properly and efficiently.
8. You will work with the BGM missionaries to make sure the visiting mission teams have a positive experience.
9. You will stay in the dorms unless otherwise notified. You may have to change sleeping locations if we need your spot for a team member. As stated in #4 of this section, interns must always be flexible, including where they sleep, and must always give priority to visiting team members.
10. You will be able to wash clothes once a week.
11. You will eat with the visiting mission teams. If there is no team, you will eat with the BGM missionaries.
12. On Fridays between mission teams our staff and missionaries are off or preparing for the next mission team to arrive on Saturday. Do not go into the missionary house unless invited.
13. You will not venture from the Hope Center without notifying the BGM missionaries and you must always be accompanied by a Haitian translator.

14. You will have fun!

ONCE YOU RETURN FROM HAITI...

Upon your return to the States, we would love to hear more about your experience. Please email Beth or call the BGM office at 601-983-1179 to set up a time to debrief and review your internship with us.

Sample support letter

Dear Friend,

This summer, through But God Ministries, I will be serving as an intern for one month in the impoverished country of Haiti. But God Ministries is simply amazing! They have been in Haiti eight years and have two locations where they are building sustainable communities. They provide medical care at their two clinics, share the Gospel through their two churches, sponsor over 900 children in local schools, build houses for people living in mud huts, create businesses, employ 150 Haitians full-time, provide food in times of drought, provide clean water, and offer love and care at the orphanage. They do all this in a Christ-centered environment, providing opportunities for Haitians to stand on their own two feet and meet the needs of their own families.

As a friend, I invite you to be a part of my internship by supporting me through your thoughts and prayers. I am praying for a smooth trip, safety while I am there, and good health during my travels. I pray that my efforts will continue to build upon what But God Ministries has already started and that my time will have a lasting impact upon the people of Haiti. And, I'll find comfort during my time there knowing you are supporting me from home!

If you feel moved to support my internship financially, thank you! Flights to Haiti are not cheap. Checks can be made payable to But God Ministries, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and mailed to: 404 Fontaine Place, Suite 104, Ridgeland, MS 39157. Please write my name in the memo line. Or, you can give online at www.butgodministries.com using your credit card.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be very blessed if you choose to be a part of this amazing opportunity!

Thank you and God bless.