



## Welcome Home Haiti – E Group Partnership Eastview Christian Church FAQ's

### **Does Welcome Home Haiti fit into Eastview's current partnership with Haitian Christian Ministries?**

Welcome Home Haiti is a separate non-profit organization founded by members of Eastview Christian Church to work alongside HCM and Pastor Manno. The purpose of WHH is to partner with HCM to provide housing for the poorest families in the Pillatre Christian Church. WHH is closely integrated into the work that Pastor Manno and HCM are performing in Pillatre, Haiti. WHH only partners with HCM pastors, staff, and churches.

### **How does our Small group sign up?**

If your small group is interested in partnering with a family, please have your Small group leader contact Julie Probst at [julieprobst@eastviewcc.org](mailto:julieprobst@eastviewcc.org). There are five families for the initial launch so let Julie know at your earliest convenience.

### **What does our Small group receive once we sign up?**

When your Small group signs up to partner with a Haitian family you'll receive several things. A Welcome Home Haiti representative will meet with your group to present a video documentary of your family. You'll also receive photos, prayer requests from your family, and a timeline to lead your group through the next 9 - 12 months.

### **Can we partner with another group?**

Yes. If your Small group wants to partner with another group that's something we would encourage. Your groups could pray together, raise funds together, and travel together. Or, one group could help raise funds for the home and the other group could raise funds for the house care cookware, dishes, blankets, etc. There are multiple ways to partner with another group if so desired.

### **Is there a timeline laid out that our group could follow?**

Yes, there is a 9 and 12 month timeline for your group depending on how quickly your group can raise the funds and/or schedule a trip together. The trip is optional and not required but highly recommended.

### **How much does it cost to build a home?**

The earthquake in January affected the cost of both supplies and labor. WHH has a standard home that's been designed to meet the needs of a typical Haitian family. The cost to build a 3 bedroom, concrete block house (750 sq feet) with a living area and a covered porch is \$10,000. These homes are built with concrete block and have a tin roof that keeps the elements out. This is a drastic improvement from a 1-2 room stick hut with dirt floors that are exposed to the elements.

### **How do we raise the required funds?**

With the total cost around \$10,000 a typical Small group would need to raise \$1,500 - \$2,000 per couple. This amount could be raised through: personal giving above and beyond current giving, fundraisers outside of Eastview Christian Church or involving other families and friends in the community. There would be no fundraisers held at Eastview to raise funds for the cost of these homes. However, a Sack Lunch Sunday could be reserved to help raise funds for your group's trip together.



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### **How are the families chosen?**

The families are nominated by the leadership team of each HCM church. The families nominated in the Pillatre location are recommended by Pastor Manno and his leadership team. Families nominated in the Lory location are recommended by Pastor Jacque and his team. The family is then approved by WHH board of directors according to their guidelines.

### **What are the requirements for a family to be selected?**

They must be a core family unit with active members in the local church. A family unit may include a married couple with children or a widow with extended family, etc. WHH will not provide homes for unmarried couples living together. All families are to be nominated by the leadership of the local church.

### **How quickly will the homes be built?... Where?**

The funds that are raised by your group not only help build a home but also support the local economy. WHH uses Haitian contractors to build the homes. On your trip, your team will help finish the roof or build furniture for the home. Your team may also have the opportunity to work at the Pillatre Christian Center where the church, school and medical clinic are located. Usually the Haitian contractors can build the entire house including the roof in 3 months. The homes will be built on property owned by HCM or WHH.

### **Are these family partnerships / trips strictly open to Small groups or individuals?**

WHH will partner with any family that wants to get involved at any level. They welcome all partnerships from people across the country.

At Eastview, we believe the best avenue to introduce this partnership, in it's entirety, is through our Small groups ministry. Imagine being able to challenge each other to give sacrificially, think globally, and grow intimately with your small group through this 12 month journey. As you pray for this family your hearts will be softened... your group will grow deeper. As you support each other in giving, you'll learn to live with less so others can have more. This process also provides built in service opportunities for your group including your children. You'll be able to serve together long before you travel together. Near the completion of the home, you'll have the opportunity to travel together to meet the family, finish construction, dedicate the house and worship at Pillatre. We believe that we grow most when we're in community. At Eastview, our Small groups represent that community and this initiative aligns itself well with that purpose. Again, WHH welcomes all contributions from individuals or groups but Eastview will focus on Small group partnerships.

### **How many trips is Eastview looking to send this initial year?**

Eastview is looking at 2 - 3 WHH trips in the fall of 2011. Our goal is to partner with 5 Pillatre families so each trip would have 1 – 2 Small groups traveling together. Both houses would be completed and dedicated on the same trip.

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**Are these trips similar in nature to the other trips that Eastview sends to Haiti?**

Yes. You'll fly the same airlines, stay at Manno's house, travel in the tap-tap and spend time in the Pillatre community. You also be with the people of Pillatre, visit the Pillatre Christian Center and worship at the Pillatre Christian Church. The only difference is where you'll be working during the day. Instead of working at the Pillatre Christian Center your team will work on a home in the Pillatre community. There may be time to work at the Pillatre Christian Center as well. Almost every other aspect of the trip will be the same except for the work location.

**Does our group have to take a trip?**

No. Your small group doesn't have to take a trip near the end of the construction if you cannot or do not want to. Your small group can still partner with a family and journey with them through prayer, updates, photos and more. If this is something your group wants to consider but won't be able to travel together you are still encouraged to participate.

**Is there any ongoing commitment after the home is built?**

There are no expectations of any ongoing financial support after the home has been built. This is not a sponsorship program but an opportunity to journey together for a period of time. We cannot guarantee your group won't want to stay involved, but there is no expectation of that going in.

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