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### Valley Short-Term Mission Trip July 13-20, 2019

**Why this trip?** Participants will advance the Kids Alive International (KAI) mission of developing mature Christian young adults as they are nurtured and educated by loving house parents and teachers. KAI reaches kids at risk in over a dozen countries around the world. For more information, visit [kidsalive.org](http://kidsalive.org).

Over 200 people from Valley have participated in KAI trips, but we are especially excited to bring first-time mission trip “goers.” Trip hosts tell us our visits are a huge encouragement. Our physical presence speaks volumes about God’s love to the children and nationals who observe us. Simply “writing a check” has far less impact. We can also meet needs of the nationals that are beyond the scope of long-term workers. As a bonus, many participants have experienced personal growth and strengthened relationships through serving. Valley attendees are encouraged to bring friends who don’t attend Valley.

**Leaders:** Sonny & Cherie Pare | 860.970.8009 | [cherie.pare@att.net](mailto:cherie.pare@att.net). The Pares have served on this trip each year since 2013, and led the trips since 2016.

**Host missionaries:** Cassidy Parent, Valley member, and John Pericles, Haitian national on KAI staff

**Ideal # needed:** 15. **Participants:** Adults and teens with parent or guardian.

**Trip expense:** \$1,800. **Deposit:** \$300 (non-refundable) upon acceptance; credited toward trip expense. Goers must provide or raise funds. Support-raising guidelines are available. Payments are tax-deductible, must be made in full prior to departure.

**Skills desired:** Construction (drainage); children’s education (teaching & lesson planning); French language

**Construction project:** Installing a septic system for one of the buildings, as we have done in prior years. Both general laborers and skilled craftsmen are needed.

**Children’s program:** 120 children attend school on the property. Topics are chosen based on the skills of the goers. Those who serve as teachers in the U.S. are especially welcomed. Translators will be available.

**Lodging:** Team house with bottled water, hot showers, and flush toilets.

**Food:** Prepared by national cooks supervised by a North American missionary.

**Immunizations required:** Tetanus/diphtheria; **Recommended:** Hepatitis A, typhoid, adult polio booster. Information concerning the Zika virus is available online at [valleycommunity.cc/trips](http://valleycommunity.cc/trips).

#### Comments from 2018 Haiti trip participants:

**Alison Murphy:** “After stepping out of my comfort zone, Haiti has changed my life.”

**Jeff Swank:** “Mission trips have given me the chance to see God work in ways I’ve never imagined.”

**Jeff Pericles, KAI host:** “I know what to expect from this team. Each morning they have a readiness to start the day. They are ready to go!”

**Interest meetings:** March 30-31, following services, Avon & Bristol Campuses.

**Training meetings:** Mondays, May 13, June 3, 10 & 17, 7-9 p.m., Avon Campus.

**Applications now being accepted:** Available at World Outreach display or online at [valleycommunity.cc/trips](http://valleycommunity.cc/trips).

