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## CAP HAITIAN, HAITI KIDS ALIVE® FOR KIDS AT RISK

### Valley Short-Term Mission Trip July 14–21, 2018

**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. Many have experienced personal spiritual growth while serving. Trip participation has also strengthened relationships between parents and teens who have served together. Valley attendees are encouraged to bring friends who don't attend Valley. KAI hosts have said that 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.

**Leaders:** Sonny & Cherie Pare | 860.970.8009 | [cherie.pare@att.net](mailto:cherie.pare@att.net). The Pares have served each year on this trip since 2013, and led the trip in 2016 and 2017.

**Host:** Cassidy Parent, KAI missionary and Valley member.

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

**Trip expense:** \$1,800. **Deposit:** \$300 (non-refundable) upon acceptance; credited toward trip expense.

Participants must provide or raise funds. Support-raising guidelines are available. Payments are tax-deductible and must be made in full prior to departure.

**Skills desired:** Construction—drainage, children's education, French language

**Construction project:** We will install 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:** For 120 children who attend school on the property. Topics are chosen based on the skills of the teachers. Translators will be available.

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

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

**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 2017 Haiti trip participants:

**Donna Geuser:** "It's an adventure to go to another country and serve others."

**Kent Glowa:** "This trip helps me realize what is truly important in life."

**Jeff Swank:** "I am so blessed for answering God's call to go to Haiti."

**Cassidy Parent, KAI host:** "I wish Valley could send teams twice a year."

**Interest meetings:** March 25, following services, Avon & Bristol Campuses.

**Training meetings:** Mondays, May 14, June 4, 11 & 18, 7-9 p.m., Room 206, Avon Campus.

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

