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## 4 Reasons You Should Go on a Short-Term Mission Trip

Here are 4 reasons for going on a short-term mission trip:

### 1. Gain perspective.

Francine Cardinal, who went to Haiti for 2 weeks earlier this year, was astonished by the poverty she saw. In the village of Tiverny, some families did not have a bed. Some people only ate every other day. This eye-opening experience helped her to be more thankful and not take her many blessings for granted.

### 2. Gain a wider view of the body of Christ.

François and Marie-Paule Bedard returned to Haiti in 2014 for a second 2 week mission (they were on the 2013 team). François described how it was necessary to tap into the gifts of everyone. Everyone had something to offer. BLF Canada wants to equip Haitians with quality Christian literature. But this is only part of the puzzle. Many Haitians are illiterate. La Bible Parle, the church that operates the mission station near Tiverny, runs literacy training courses for the local people. Not only that, but this year an optician joined the team with several donated eye glasses, for literacy training is of no use to those who



*François and Marie-Paule helping distribute eye-glasses*

*Marie-Paule and Micheline delivering a goat, courtesy of a church in Quebec.*

cannot see the letters on the page. Meanwhile, some of the solar-powered Messengers (courtesy of In Touch Ministries) that BLF Canada sent to Haiti last year have been malfunctioning. God provided for an electronics expert on the La Bible Parle team this year, who got right to work fixing them.

### 3. Help full-time missionaries with their mission.

Three months can feel like a long time to be away from home. This year Micheline Cabot was in Haiti from January to March. That's long enough to not be caught up in the excitement for the entire trip. After 150 youth from the La Bible Parle team returned to Quebec, there were only ten missionaries left on site. Micheline figured out quickly that she was not gifted in literacy training. She helped where she could, from helping in the medical clinic (where she is very skilled) to even scrubbing a couple of



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toilets, allowing other people to exercise their own gifts.

#### 4. Grow in your own faith.

Sebastien and Sophie Legault were on the Haiti team in 2013. Over the past year, both of their children (Junior and Anais) became Christians. In 2014, the entire Legault family went to Haiti for two weeks. What were their goals? To observe how their family would operate in a foreign missions setting. The routine was one of daily surrender, and being open to God's leading. Sometimes you just have to get away from it all to be more attentive to God's voice and leading. They handed out mini-Bibles in the village, as well as participated in a host of other activities, including teaching agricultural tech-

niques (as a family of farmers, a topic they know very well). Sebastien is pictured below, working in one of the fields.

Pastor Clermont, the coordinator of the LBP mission in Haiti, expresses his gratitude for BLF Canada's involvement in Haiti. They request more materials, including more mini-Bibles, Sunday School materials and pastoral library packs. IQ



### Evangelism in Acadia

This summer, New Brunswick is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Acadian World Congress (Congrès Mondial Acadien) in the Madawaska area, August 8<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.

These events occur only once every five years. 50,000 visitors are expected in the region.

The area is right on the border of Quebec and the USA (Maine), and the 2011 census suggests that the area is 93% French.

BLF Canada's partner, Hope for Today, is taking advantage of the festivities to spread the Gos-

pel. There will be door-to-door evangelism, concerts, and sketches. During these events, workers hope to hand out 50,000 gospels of John (supplied by the Gideons) and 1,000 New Testaments (supplied by Give the Word).



**Needs:**  
-Prayer support  
-Praise the

Lord that funds have already been raised for the New Testaments. We just need to get them

there.

**-Workers** for the harvest! Teams during this time will help with evangelism and distribution of literature. You don't have to know French to hand out a French Bible! If you're only available for some of the dates, that's okay!

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