

VOLUNTEER IN MISSION
TRIP

BAHAMAS

January 20 – February 2, 2007

The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is an archipelago of 700 individual islands stretching from Florida to Haiti. The name “Bahamas” comes from the phrase *baja-mar* meaning underwater or shallows, used to describe the islands by the 16th century Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon. In 2005 Grand Bahamas island was hit by Hurricane Wilma with winds blowing across many of the other islands including Eleuthera (eh lou thra).

Eleuthera Island, known for its pink sand beaches and rolling acres of pineapple plantations, will be our work destination. Volunteers will work in a variety of areas including emergency home repair, new home construction and assisting with community projects. Work projects will vary in nature but will basically be construction. This will include repairing floors, roofs, doing major/minor plumbing, electrical work, framing, working with dry wall, tiling and window replacement is needed along with TLC. The 2006 hurricane season is upon us with predictions of more hurricanes than in 2005. These worthwhile projects will range in skill level to accommodate all who come to serve. **YOU** are needed to help make a difference.

The Bahamas Methodist Habitat is one of four Outreach Ministries of the **Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church**. The Methodist Church was at one time related to the British Methodist Church. Today it is autonomous with its own leadership.

Housing will be at **Camp Symonette**, a church camp facility that can house 60 persons on bunk beds, new mattresses with potable water and a dining area. There are trails for walking with the beach being 15 minutes on either side of the camp. Transportation to work sites will be in a 45-passenger school bus.

An **after school program** or mini-Vacation Bible School is being planned for local children which our group will organize and conduct complete with crafts.

Because of a Haitian population on the island, a **small medical team** is being recruited. We are looking for a medical doctor, two nurses, a triage person and someone to dispense medications to be collected and taken by the medical team.

COST OF THE TRIP WILL BE \$1,250 PER PERSON FROM DES MOINES
(cost includes housing, meals, transportation to and in the Bahamas, insurance)

GROUP SIZE LIMITED TO 25 PERSONS WITH VARIETY OF CONSTRUCTION SKILLS
“HAMMER & NAIL & PAINTING & LANDSCAPING & CLEAN-UP & VBS & ETC.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND/OR TO SIGN UP FOR THE PROJECT
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