

NOTES FOR GRASS ROOTS TEACHER and FAITH TRAINING

What you can do during your mission trip.

- **IMPORTANT**

- Have handouts available for teachers in Haitian Kreyol. We have found many teachers who may be able to speak French, but really learn better when materials are presented in Kreyol.
- Utilize breaks with active games. Bunny hop?
- Provide at least snacks and water. Assume they have yet to eat when they arrive.
- BONUS POINTS: Learn to say good morning, good afternoon, goodbye, how are you and I am well in Kreyol;) <https://p4hglobal.org/learn-haitian-creole>

- **Starting in teacher training without outside funding**

- Get teachers together to brainstorm things they would like further education on. Bring ideas of methods used in your own children's' schools. *You will need to repeatedly emphasize that you are not offering to bring them "things" but ideas
- Solicit teachers in your community to develop a lesson plan, schedule and materials list.
- Keep in mind that any materials you use will need to be available to the Haitian teachers **forever** if they are to utilize these methods.
- Try to emphasize methods that can translate to many lessons and encourage teachers, during the workshop, to expand upon the ideas to know that they are getting it.
- Follow up. Have discussion at the end of the workshop (maybe with a group of leaders) on how it went.
- Ask for ideas for the next workshop.
- Ideally, incoming evaluations and exiting evaluations. This is difficult with our parish! There is little time and too many teachers.

- **Teacher Workshop Lesson ideas**

***Our main emphasis is always:** Teaching and Learning is Fun and teaching in Kreyol is important to both teachers and students, especially early elementary where you will probably be working.*

- Reading aloud. Acting lesson. Small group Alphabet posters (letter, image, sentence, act out)
- Teach how to make "Burrito Books". <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cR6CFN8eCBE>
- Math Games – math is patterns and patterns are fun (hands on manipulatives) – games using the body, bottle caps and beads, cubes, playing cards, dice and dominos, counting (plate puppets, finger games, books), Clocks,
- Planets (live planet with moon rotations, sunrise, set etc) planet mobile,
- Tangrams
- Personal hygiene
- Different styles of learning (audio, visual, tactile...)
- Using body/senses to teach and learn
- Connecting stories. Storytelling with art and acting.
- Scientific method with lots of experiments,
- "String Theory" – using simple strings to teach measurement, geometry, music, history (personal and Haitian history timelines)
- Patterns with body, manipulatives, poems, shapes
- Word games with scrabble tiles
- Classroom management
- Lesson Planning

- **Faith Formation topics**

- Servant Leadership
- Catholic Social Teachings
- Spiritual Gifts

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