Can I Help?

To Whom It May Concern:

I read on your Web site that you are looking for volunteers to help build schools and houses for orphans in Haiti. I would like to tell you why my family and I are applying to take part in this wonderful program.

We were so shocked when we first heard the news reports about the horrible earthquake on January 12th. We had a family meeting and talked about what we could do to help. Sending money was one idea, but we wanted to do more than that.

My grandparents are from Haiti. When I was a child, they would tell us stories about what it was like to live in Haiti before they moved here over forty years ago. They would also sing songs and prepare Haitian food for us. I've only visited Haiti twice, but I feel like I know it pretty well.

My children may not be able to help much with the actual building. However, they're very good at organizing and cooking meals for large groups of people. They've had a lot of practice preparing meals for the homeless in our community.

I can pound a nail and cut a board in half okay, but I can also teach. I grew up speaking French at home, thanks to my grandparents. I'd like to help by teaching reading, science, or math, or whatever you need! (For fun, I can also teach soccer and art.)

We can afford to spend between two and four weeks in Haiti this summer.

I really hope you have space in your volunteer program for me and my family. We would really like to do our part to support this rewarding cause.

Sincerely,

Lori Forester