



## PERSONAL COVENANT & LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

I \_\_\_\_\_, recognize and accept the following conditions which will further the usefulness and safety of our short-term mission. If accepted as a member of this team, I agree to:

1. Release and discharge the organizations and individuals which helped make these arrangements, including (if applicable) the mission agency, Twin Lakes Church, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, or executions that I have ever had, or now have, or may have, or which my heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have, against these organizations, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, and their successors or assigns, for all personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of this journey. In the event of death, I release from all responsibility Twin Lakes Church and all partnering agencies from liability or costs involved in the return of my body to my hometown or city in the United States. *I intend to be legally bound by this statement.*
2. *Going as a servant*, I will endeavor to exhibit a Christ-like attitude at all times, especially when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the trip.
3. Adopt an attitude that I am on this team to try to understand the host culture, *not to convince them of my own viewpoint or style*. I go with the understanding that my way is not necessarily the best way, and, especially in missions, it may not be appropriate to suggest, even if it is more effective or efficient in completing a task.
4. *Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the team leaders, the host missionaries, and promise to abide by his or her decisions as they concern this mission, even if their decisions are not in keeping with my personal preferences and even if I think they are in error.*
5. *Acknowledge that by engaging in this ministry, I am subjecting myself to certain risks voluntarily*, including and in addition to those risks that I normally face in my personal and business life, including but not limited to such things as health hazards due to poor food and water, diseases, pests, and poor sanitation; potential danger from lack of control over local population; potential injury while working; and inadequate medical facilities.
6. Understand that our team's work is but a tiny speck on the bigger picture that our mission partners are trying to accomplish. I promise not to be demanding, *to do my best not to offend or cause embarrassment for the local mission host*, and to do my best to help them attain their long-term goals.
7. Abstain from making derogatory comments or arguments regarding people, politics, socially-sensitive topics, sports, religion, race, or traditions.
8. Attend all team meetings possible, both prior to departure and during the mission trip. I understand that if I cannot attend the agreed upon amount of team meetings that I will need to cease being a part of the team for this year. (Typically one missed meeting is the limit.)
9. *Expediently follow up on all requirements for passports, visas, financial obligations, vaccinations, travel insurance, etc.*
10. *Refrain from meddling, complaining, and obscene or insensitive humor*. I realize that others on my team, during the mission, and while onsite will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts, and will not treat that responsibility lightly. I understand that travel, especially to remote locations, can be difficult, and I



promise to adopt a positive, flexible attitude and be supportive as plans may need to be changed. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team, unless other prior arrangements are approved and made.

11. *Regard the differing styles of worshiping with respect.*
12. *If a loved one or dear friend is traveling with me, we agree to interact with all members of the team, not just with each other. Also, I promise not to initiate or seek ANY new romantic relationships with team members during the trip. Avoid any actions, which might be perceived as amorous attentions toward team members and any indigenous people I meet. I will graciously accept my team leader's directives to me personally in this area.*
13. Abstain from any illegal drugs or prohibited activity while on this trip. Maintaining an attitude that is willing to refrain from any liberties that our host country brethren may consider objectionable. If the host missionary or host nationals offer me alcohol, I will graciously accept in moderation if it would cause offense to reject their offer. In other words, I will be discerning and considerate of the culture and spiritual maturity of my team, and err on the side of being a good model to all ages. In general, I agree to abstain from all alcoholic beverages from departure from the church parking lot to return to the parking lot.
14. Remember we are the new Christians from another part of the world and will be watched very closely. I will not take lightly this important responsibility of setting an example.
15. *Refrain from giving gifts, such as money, clothes, jewelry, and personal items, unless our hosts and team leaders explicitly approve such activities.* Although the intent of the giver is good, the result after we leave has caused problems for our host, and jealousy and bitterness amongst those locals who received no such largesse. If I feel compelled to give a gift to someone I have met, I will consult first with the team leader before I promise or give the gift, and I promise to let him or her make the final decision on this matter.
16. *I will dress modestly and graciously accept all directives from my team leader and host's nationals.*
17. *I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the mission, and that mediation during the trip has failed to correct my behavior, that my services in connection with this mission shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.*
18. In signing below, I represent that I am 18 years of age or older, or my parent/guardian will sign also, accepting the above conditions on my behalf.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If the participant is under 21 years of age, a parent or legal guardian's signature is required:

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