

Short-Term Team Covenant

I will remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of a local missionary who will continue to minister in the area long after I am gone. I will try to be aware of and sensitive to those things that might be offensive to my hosts.

I will seek to remember that I have come to serve and to learn, not to teach. I may run across things that I feel are inefficient, or attitudes that I may feel are closed minded. I will resist the temptation to inform our hosts as to how things ought to be done. I will be open to learning about other people's methods and ideas.

I will seek to develop and maintain a servant's attitude towards my hosts and team members.

I will respect my team leaders and their decisions.

I will refrain from judging and avoid gossip.

I will refrain from complaining. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances. Instead of whining and complaining I will be creative and supportive.

I will respect the work that is going on in the country by the local missionary. I realize that our team is here for just a short while, but the missionary and local church are here for the long term. I will respect their knowledge, insights, and instructions.

I will refrain from negative comments about the politics, culture, or conditions of our host country.

I will refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest toward any national or team member to whom I am not married. I realize that certain activities that seem innocuous in my own culture may seem inappropriate in another.

I will refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illegal drugs, and substance abuse while on the trip.

I will be responsible for raising the total per-person cost of the trip, a minimum of 80% of which will be raised prior to departure, and I will personally contribute a minimum of 10% of the total cost of the trip. I understand that any exceptions must be approved by the Outreach Development Team in advance. Further, I will take full responsibility for the payment of any unpaid expenses for my trip that remain after the trip has been completed.

signature

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