



Team Covenant

As a member of this team, I agree to:

- ❖ Remember that I am representing Jesus Christ as well as Southeast Christian Church. I will model Jesus in my behavior and attitude. *"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5 (NIV)*
- ❖ Attend all team meetings before and after the trip, including the team retreat as well as all follow-up meetings. *"Let us not give up meeting together... but let us encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)*
- ❖ Abide by the fundraising procedures endorsed by Southeast Christian Church and will personally thank all financial donors who contribute to my trip. *"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)*
- ❖ Respect the leadership of the Trip Leader, partner and church. *"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." Ephesians 4:2 (NIV)*
- ❖ Maintain a servant attitude toward my teammates and those with whom I come in contact on the mission field. *"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)*
- ❖ Make every effort to be inclusive in my relationships. If a close friend, relative, etc. is on the team, I will make every effort to interact with all members of my team and those with whom I come in contact on the mission field. *"My brothers, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism." James 2:1 (NIV)*
- ❖ Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of my partner/hosts. I will participate in all activities, meals, etc. *"Be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate, be tender-hearted and keep a humble attitude." 1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)*
- ❖ Remember that our team has come to learn, as well as to teach. I will resist the temptation to inform our partner/hosts how things should be done. I'll be open to learning about other methods and ideas. *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." Mark 10:45 (NIV)*
- ❖ Respect the partner/host's view of Christianity recognizing that Christianity has many faces throughout the world and that the purpose of this trip is to experience faith lived out in a new setting. *"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)*
- ❖ Refrain from gossip and complaining. Travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances, but the rewards of enduring such circumstances are innumerable. I will be creative, supportive and flexible! *"Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind" 1 Peter 2:1 (NIV), and "Do everything without complaining or arguing." Philippians 2:14 (NIV)*
- ❖ Refrain from any activity that could be construed as an attraction to a teammate or those with whom we come in contact on the mission field. *"Be self-controlled and alert." 1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)*

- ❖ Refrain from, under any circumstance, engaging in activities where nudity is involved. *"Whatever is true, whatever is noble..."* Philippians 4:8 (NIV)
- ❖ Refrain from being alone with the opposite gender unless he/she is my spouse. *"...whatever is right, whatever is pure..."* Philippians 4:8 (NIV)
- ❖ Refrain from being alone with a minor without the presence of an additional non-related adult.
- ❖ When expressing feelings toward my teammates and missionaries on the field, I will limit myself to appropriate touches, ie. handshakes, high fives, and brief hugs (side hugs for opposite gender.) *"...whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things"* Philippians 4:8 (NIV)
- ❖ Practice teamwork by speaking up. If something doesn't feel right, seem right or sound right, it probably isn't right. Speak up. *"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."* 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NIV)
- ❖ Refrain from the use of illegal drugs, tobacco and alcoholic beverages while on this trip, even if acceptable to the partner/hosts. *"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own."* 1 Corinthians 6:19 (NIV)
- ❖ Refrain from the teaching or practice of any belief that would not be endorsed by Southeast Christian Church (speaking in tongues, infant baptism, etc.). *Refer to the Statement of Faith for specifics.*
- ❖ Refrain from using personal cell phones and laptops on the mission field. I agree these items are not necessary for my service to our missionary partners. All contact with family and friends should be delayed until I return from the trip or until a time designated by the Trip Leader. *"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith..."* Hebrews 12:2a (NIV)
- ❖ Adhere to social media guidelines. I am aware that social media guidelines may differ depending on the trip and partner and I will respect the Trip Leader, partner and Missions Staff protocol while serving on this trip.
- ❖ Remember that I can be sent home if I do not adhere to this Covenant or if my Trip Leader believes it is in my best interest or that of the team. *"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"* Psalm 133:1 (NIV)
- ❖ Observe and practice the Statement of Faith included in my Team Member Handbook. *"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

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