

# SHORT-TERM MISSION PROJECTS POLICIES

## GSMF Worldwide, Inc.

### **Financial Policy for Team Members:**

Team Members are expected to raise 100% of the financial support for the trip. Funding must be completed by the due date set by the Team Leader.

If the Team Member raises more than the required support or for any reason cannot participate in the trip, GSMF Worldwide will reallocate the funds within the team account. Any extra funds will be transferred to the GSMF World Missions Fund. However, if a Team Member raises support and is not able to participate in the trip for any reason, the support raised may be carried forward for only one year to be used on another trip. Any exception to this policy is at the discretion of the Ministry Board of Directors.

Team Members may submit financial support to GSMF Worldwide Inc. with their name and trip location printed in the memo field of the check or indicated on the envelope. A monthly financial report will be provided for each Team Member and weekly updates will be provided to the Team Leader. **Due to IRS restrictions, refunds are not provided.**

### **Policies for Team Member Behavior and Attitude:**

Team Members are reminded that they are ambassadors of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). As Team Members travel overseas, they not only represent Christ but also GSMF, their church, the United States and the mission agency or church we are assisting. This is a tremendous responsibility. For this reason, GSMF asks that each Team Member seek to be above reproach in his/her actions and attitudes.

Team Members must submit to the Team Leader's authority.

Due to the political instability and anti-American sentiment in various countries around the world, GSMF asks that Team Members refrain from expressing political opinions while overseas.

All Team Members must abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages or any use of tobacco or illegal drugs.

Each Team Member must adhere to the behavioral guidelines for the team set by the Team Leader and /or the missionary agency church we are assisting, with a mind toward the culture of the country to which the team is going. This will require a servant attitude toward all nationals

and other Team Members, as well as the willingness to learn from the host culture (1 Corinthians 9:19- 23.)

The Team Leader reserves the right to ask a Team Member to return home if that Team Member's behavior is disruptive/destructive to the team, the ministry, or the host community. Any additional cost incurred as a result of this action will be at the Team Member's expense.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the policies outlined above, and I agree to abide by these policies.

Team Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Biblical Standards**

## **GSMF Worldwide, Inc.**

In accordance with (Luke 10:8) scripture, GSMF will likely be hosted with traditional meals customary to the local cuisine. It is our honor as a ministry to eat what is served to us with gladness and joy, regardless of personal dietary preferences.

In accordance with (Psalms 121:8) scripture, GSMF will likely travel by foot to certain destinations not accessible by vehicle. It is a privilege of all the saints (Romans 10:15) to carry the Gospel to places not often reached. Thus, a willingness to travel by foot at all cost is mandatory.

In accordance with (John 15:12-13) scripture, GSMF binds themselves to the commandment laid out by Jesus to lay our lives down for one another in love. It is a delight to love one another (Romans 12: 9-10) and prefer them over ourselves. Our goal is to submit and live according to scripture before, during, and after the trip. Being inconvenienced and dying to yourself in order to adhere to plans for the betterment of the team should be a priority.

In accordance with (Matthew 6:6) scripture, GSMF will not be held responsible for lack of “quiet time” with our heavenly Father. As a team, we will create space to host the Lord in worship and prayer but cannot accommodate any extra time nor leave team members behind for lack of personal spiritual sanctification.

In accordance with (Matthew 12:3-4) scripture, GSMF will prepare for all trips with prayer and fasting as God leads, individually and collectively. However, while on the trip we advise that all team members maintain peak health to sustain the physical demands of the trip itself. Our goal is to be united in one spirit and one mind while working together. This will require all team members to be in one accord with proper rest and nutrition adequate to individual needs.

In accordance with (Matthew 8:20) scripture, GSMF will provide the best available accommodations in the area we plan to minister in. While that doesn't guarantee comfortability, we will do our best to honor peaceful rest. It is our privilege to share in the uncomfotability of our forefathers and in as such, live as they did. Whatever the arrangements are, as the apostle Paul writes (Phillipians 4:11-13,) we will be content in all ways.

In accordance with (Ephesians 4:1) scripture, GSMF is called to bring people into a “Kingdom Now” reality. Therefore, we must make mention of the vast difference between a vacation and a mission trip. While we honor and observe the Sabbath, we will not stray away from the goal set before us. Leadership will submit to Jesus’ active leadership while on the trip but in no way will GSMF give space to accommodate personal leisure time away from the group.

By signing below, I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to adhere and comply with the above standards to the best of my ability. Failure to do so will lead to disciplinary action, up to and including premature dismissal from the mission trip.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_