

Mission Covenant and Trip Waivers



Mission Covenant

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As a member of a mission team hosted by Mission Housing Ministries, I agree to follow the guidelines below. I understand that if I fail to follow this guidance then at the sole discretion of the team leader, my participation in the trip can be terminated and I may be sent home at my own expense. I realize that it is a privilege to attend this trip and represent Jesus Christ on the mission field, and if I abuse that privilege this constitutes the right for my trip to end prematurely.

1. I am aware that my every word and action is being watched during the entire mission trip experience. Therefore, I agree to act and talk in a manner that glorifies the name of Jesus Christ. I want everything I do or say to draw people to Jesus.
2. I will be spiritually, physically, and mentally prepared for a mission trip that will stretch me and mold me in ways that I can only imagine. I will do everything I can ahead of time to prepare myself for a "trip of a lifetime".
3. I will have a positive attitude at all times. Every trip has its challenges and unforeseen circumstances. People could get sick, items lost, and plans changed. I realize that there are times I will need to "roll with the punches" and look at challenges as opportunities to be a witness for Jesus Christ.
4. I agree to have a servant attitude at all times. If I am asked to do a task or ministry that I don't care for, I will put my best foot forward and be a witness in and through this activity.
5. I am a guest in the country I am visiting. I will respect and follow the traditions of the local people and nationals. For example: if the way I dress offends them, I will change. I will not criticize the culture, efficiency, work habits, food, traditions, etc. with which I come in contact. I have come not to judge, but to learn and to share the person of Jesus through my words, actions, and deeds.
6. I will respect and follow the suggestions and directions of MHM representatives, leaders, and translators.
7. I will follow the travel, supply, clothing, financial, medical guidelines, etc. set forth and explained to me prior to the trip. I am responsible for knowing and following everything in the trip handbook and explained at the group meetings.
8. I will use words that encourage and build up my team members and the nationals at all times. This means I will refrain from gossip or words that bring dissention and take focus away from the goals of the trip.
9. I will work with all members of the team. I will refrain from pursuing romantic relationships during the trip. If my spouse or significant other is on the trip with me, I will make every effort to spend time with each person of the group and interact with all team members. Single Men will be in rooms with men and single women with women.
10. I will attend all team meetings and fulfill the responsibilities I have agreed to before, during, and after the trip. If I am not able to attend a meeting I will be in contact with my team leader.
11. I will not talk negatively about North American politics or the host country's politics during the trip.
12. I will consult team leadership and use good judgment before consuming alcohol or using tobacco products.
13. I will not use any illegal drugs.
14. I will not steal or commit any crime or do anything illegal while on the trip.
15. I will meet all medical, logistical, and legal travel requirements.
16. I will follow all import and export laws. I will not attempt to bring any item or good into the host country or back into North America that is banned.

Liability Waiver

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I, _____, as a member of a mission team hosted by Mission Housing Ministries, Inc., Umatilla, FL USA, and the associated organization Mission Housing Inc., operating in Guatemala (both collectively referred to as "MHM"), on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns do hereby release Mission Housing Ministries, Mission Housing, Inc., their officers, agents, representatives, employees, volunteers, insurers, affiliates, successors, and assigns from any liability or responsibility for injury to me of any kind, including but not limited to death, bodily injury, illness, emotional distress, property damage or economic loss that I may sustain while I am associated with a mission team.

I recognize that this trip visits an area of the world where conditions are very different from those in the United States, including climatic differences, political differences, and economic differences. I understand that I may be exposed to certain risks or dangers including but not limited to travel hazards, illness, criminal behavior, or forces of nature. I also understand that these risks may occur in remote places without qualified medical professionals or facilities. In particular, I understand that the risks may include: illness from food, water, or contact with the people that we go to serve; sickness from exertion at high altitudes; vehicle accidents during travel; theft or robbery; and unplanned itinerary changes due to political or natural events.

In consideration of, and as part payment for, the right to participate in this mission, I have and do hereby assume all of the above risks and will hold all released parties harmless from any and all causes of action, debts, claims, demands, damages, judgment executions, costs, loss of services, expenses, compensation, attorneys' fees, and any and all other claims of damages both in law and in equity, except to the extent caused by a released party's gross negligence or intentional misconduct. I further affirm that I have the necessary physical stamina to engage in the activities planned for the trip and do not suffer any physical or other ailment or condition that could adversely affect the team or my participation in the planned activities.

Media Waiver

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I give my permission to MHM to be photographed and/or videoed. I approve the use of such photographs and/or videos in all forms of media, for any and all promotional purposes including advertising, display, audiovisual, or editorial use.

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Medical or Dietary Restrictions

I have no special medical conditions or dietary restrictions.

I have special medical conditions or dietary restrictions. Please describe on an attached page.

Acceptance

I acknowledge that I have read, understand and fully accept the covenant and waivers in this document. Parental acceptance is required in addition to team member acceptance if team member is under the age of 18.

Printed Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____