



Short Term Mission Trip Participation Agreement

Belize
January 7-16, 2027

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the expectations, guidelines, and financial commitments associated with the Elevate Ministry Mission Trip to Belize.

Code of Conduct

1. **Purpose & Work Expectations:** This is a work-focused mission trip. Every team member—regardless of age—is expected to contribute daily with a willing spirit and positive attitude. Tasks may include cleaning, painting, basic repairs, digging, and other hands-on projects.
2. **Character & Representation:** As a participant, I understand that I am representing Elevate Ministry and the Christ-centered values we uphold. I will conduct myself respectfully, lovingly, and with a servant-hearted attitude, prioritizing the needs of the team and the community we are serving.
3. **Substances & Language:** I will refrain from using tobacco, tobacco products, drugs, alcohol, and inappropriate, derogatory, or foul language. This includes content displayed or played on electronic devices.
4. **Modest Dress:** Modesty is required at all times.
 - Shorts must reach at least mid-thigh.
 - No leggings or yoga pants.
 - Shirts must cover the midriff, even with arms raised.
 - Swimsuits must be modest.
 - Girls: two-piece or tankini allowed only if the midriff is fully covered; swim shorts recommended.
 - Boys: no Speedo-style suits.
5. **Buddy System & Safety**
 - Ages 18 and under: must stay with at least one other person in public places; a group leader must be informed before going anywhere.
 - Ages 18 and over: notify another team member before leaving and avoid going anywhere alone.
 - At the KenMar Bed & Breakfast: participants 15 and older may be unaccompanied inside the facility but must ensure a roommate knows their location.
 - Children 14 and under must remain with a parent at all times.
6. **Respect for Hosts & Facilities:** We are guests in Belize and at the Bed & Breakfast. I will respect the facilities, staff, and any rules given. I will be mindful of noise levels and considerate of other guests who may be staying on the property.
7. **Team Devotions:** Growing in Christ and as a team is part of this experience. All team members are expected to attend the nightly debrief and devotional time.
8. **Daily Schedule:** A typical workday may look like this (flexibility may be required):
 - **7:30 AM** – Breakfast
 - **8:30 AM** – Depart for worksite
 - **12:00 PM** – Lunch
 - **5:00 PM (approx.)** – Return for dinner

9. **Gratitude & Growth:** I will approach this trip with gratitude, recognizing the privilege of serving others and the opportunity for personal and spiritual growth.
10. **Sharing the Experience:** Upon returning home, we encourage you to share what God has done during the trip with others.

Financial Agreement

I agree to make the required payments to Elevate Ministry to cover trip expenses. I understand:

- Funds received are used for the short-term trip
- If donations exceed my trip cost, Elevate Ministry will allocate the excess where needed; no refunds will be issued.
- I am responsible for my own meals and expenses during travel days to and from Belize City.
- Elevate Ministry covers meals and transportation **from** and **back to** the Philip S.W. Goldson Airport in Belize City for those arriving and departing within the designated time window.
- Checks may be made payable to **Elevate Ministry**.
- For electronic payment, contact **Michele Rush** at **719-367-7311** or **elev8ministry@gmail.com**.
- I am responsible for purchasing my own airfare as outlined in the "Mission Trip Details" sheet, unless otherwise arranged.
- If I wish to fundraise, Elevate Ministry can provide a personalized donation page upon request.

A \$400 deposit is required to reserve my spot. The remaining balance is due by December 15, 2026.

Required Paperwork

(All documents must be submitted to **elev8ministry@gmail.com** by **December 20, 2026**. Forms will be emailed or available on the website.)

- Participation Agreement
- Team Member Waiver
- Copy of Passport
- Copy of Birth Certificate (minors only)
- Consent to Travel (minors only)
- Medical Release (minors only)

Dietary or Special Needs

Please list any dietary restrictions, medical considerations, or other needs Elevate Ministry should be aware of:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Participant)

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Participant's guardian if the participant is a minor)