

SHORT-TERM TRIP COVENANT

I realize that the following elements are crucial to the effectiveness, quality and safety of our trip together. As a member of this short-term team I agree to:

1. Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of a local missionary, pastor, medical clinic, etc.
2. Remember that we have come to learn. I may run across procedures that I feel are inefficient, or attitudes that I find closed minded. I'll resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "how we do things." I'll be open to learning about other people's methods and ideas.
3. Respect the host's view of Christianity. I recognize that Christianity has many faces throughout the world, and that the purpose of this trip is to witness and experience faith lived out in a new setting.
4. Develop and maintain a servant attitude toward all nationals and my teammates.
5. Respect my team leader(s) and his or her decisions.
6. Refrain from gossip. I may be surprised at how each person will blossom when freed from the concern that others may be passing judgment.
7. Refrain from complaining. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances, but the rewards of conquering such circumstances are innumerable. Instead of whining and complaining, I'll be creative and supportive.
8. Respect the work that is going on in the country with the particular church, agency, or person(s) that we are working with. I realize that our team is here for just a short while, but that the missionary and local church, are here for the long term. I will respect their knowledge, insights, and instructions.
9. Attend all team preparation classes and follow-up meetings.
10. Fulfill all logistical requirements. I will comply with all requirements regarding passports, finances, shots and so on.
11. Refrain from negative political comments or hostile discussions concerning our host country's politics.
12. Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships. If my sweetheart or spouse is on the team, we will make every effort to interact with all members of the team, not just one another.
13. Refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest toward a national. I realize certain activities that seem innocuous in my own culture may seem in appropriate in others.
14. Abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages at our host country unless otherwise stated by team leaders.

Signed: _____ Date: _____