



CHARACTER & POLICY STATEMENT ñ SHORT TERM MISSIONS TRIP

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

1. Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of the local pastor or missionary.
2. Remember that I have come to serve. I may run across procedures that I think are inefficient or attitudes that I find closed-minded. I will resist the temptation to inform our hosts about how I would do things. I will be open to learning other people's methods and ideas, and I will submit to what I've been told to do.
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's attitude toward all nationals and my teammates.
5. Respect my team leader(s) and his or her decisions with an eagerness and willingness to trust and obey his/her decisions.
6. Will not leave my assigned area of ministry or separate myself from my assigned group without first obtaining permission from the team or group leader(s) assigned to me.
7. Refrain from gossip. I may be surprised at how much each person will blossom when freed from the concern that others may be passing judgment.
8. Refrain from complaining. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances, but the rewards of conquering such circumstances are innumerable. I will try to be creative and supportive.
9. Respect the work that is going on in the country with the particular church(s) or person(s) with whom we are working. I realize that our team is here for just a short while, but that the local church is here for the long term. I will respect their knowledge, insights, and instructions.
10. Refrain from negative political comments or hostile discussions concerning our host country's politics.
11. Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships. If my sweetheart, fiancée or spouse is on the trip, we will make every effort to interact with all members of the team, and not just one another.
12. Refrain from any activity that could be construed as a romantic interest toward a national. I realize certain activities that seem innocent in my own culture may seem inappropriate in others.
13. Abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages, the use of tobacco, or any un-Christlike behavior while on the trip.

The primary purpose of *Build the Village* is to serve the Lord and to reach others with the Gospel. By signing below, I indicate my agreement to follow these guidelines.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date Signed: _____

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

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