



Personal Covenant

I _____ (print participant's name) agree that as a participant in Mission Service Project (also known as MSP), I am expected to follow certain conduct standards, which promote a healthy event experience for all. Therefore, I agree to:

- Lift up Jesus Christ with my thoughts, words, and actions.
- Adopt an attitude that I am on this mission team to try to understand the host culture, not to convince them of my own viewpoint or style. I go knowing that there are many different ways to accomplish the same objective, and know that my way is not necessarily the best.
- Abstain from making derogatory comments or arguments regarding people, politics, sport, religion, race, or traditions.
- Go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the mission trip.
- Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the team leader(s) and promise to respectfully abide by his or her decisions as they concern this mission trip.
- Understand that our team's work is but a tiny speck on the bigger picture that our mission partners are trying to accomplish. I promise not to be overly demanding, to do my best not to offend or cause embarrassment for the local host, and to do my best to help them attain their long-term goals.
- Refrain from meddling, complaining, and obscene or insensitive humor. I realize that others on my team, during the journey, and while onsite will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts, and will not treat that responsibility lightly. I understand that travel, especially to remote locations can be difficult, and promise to adopt a flexible attitude and be supportive as plans may need to be changed. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team, unless other prior arrangements are made.
- Refrain from gossip. If it is not true, good, and positive, I will not say it.
- Regard the differing styles of worshiping with respect.
- If a loved one or friend is traveling with me, we agree to interact with all members of the team, not just one another.
- Abstain from using alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and profanity; wearing inappropriate clothing; engaging in other objectionable behavior, or intentionally causing the destruction or abuse of any property, from the time of my departure until my return home.
- Refrain from giving gifts (even candy) to those families/children with which I work. Although the intent of the giver is good, the result may mean problems. If I feel compelled to give a gift to someone I have met, I will consult first with the team leader and MSP Coordinator before I promise or give the gift, and I promise to let him/her make the final decision on this matter.
- Refrain from bringing any item which may interfere with the purpose of the event (such as electronics, boom box, fireworks, skateboards, shaving cream, etc).
- Follow the daily schedule arranged for the event at all times and at no time will leave the event site without permission of my team leader. I will agree to take part in all planned activities.
- Understand that failure to comply with the above and not acting in accordance with this covenant will result in my expulsion from the event, a phone call to my parents/guardians, pastor, and/or youth director, and my suspension from the next MSP.

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/legal guardian's signature, if participant is under 18 years of age: _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____