



## Team Covenant

### As a member of this team, I agree to:

- ❖ Remember that I am representing Jesus Christ as well as Southeast Christian Church. I will model Jesus in my behavior and attitude. *Philippians 2:5 (NIV) "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."*
- ❖ Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of my hosts. I will remember the missionary's prayer - *"Where you lead me I will follow; what they feed me I will swallow."*
- ❖ Remember that we have come to learn, as well as to teach. 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. *Psalms 135: 1-2 "Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD; praise him, you servants of the LORD, you who minister in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God." Our way is not their way – we do things their way – we have come to serve.*
- ❖ Respect the host's view of Christianity recognizing that Christianity has many faces throughout the world and that the purpose of this trip is to experience faith lived out in a new setting. *Hebrews 11:1 (The Message) "The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd."*
- ❖ Develop and maintain a servant attitude toward my teammates and those with whom we come in contact on the mission field. *Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (NIV)*
- ❖ Respect my team leader(s) and his or her decisions. *Ephesians 4:1-3 (NIV) "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."*
- ❖ Refrain from gossip. *Proverbs 11:13 "A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret." (NIV)*
- ❖ 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, supportive and FLEXIBLE! *Philippians 2:14 (NIV) "Do everything without complaining or arguing."*
- ❖ Attend all team meetings before the trip as well as any follow-up meetings. *Hebrews 10:25 (NIV) "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*
- ❖ Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships. If my boyfriend/girlfriend or spouse is on the team, we will make every effort to interact with all the members of the team. If I am attracted to a teammate, I will not attempt to pursue a relationship until after we return home. *James 2:1 (NIV) "My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism."*

- ❖ Refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest in a teammate or those with whom we come in contact with on the mission field. *Hebrews 12:2a "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..."*
- ❖ Refrain from illegal drugs and abstain from consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco while on this trip, even if acceptable to the partner. *1 Corinthians 6:19 "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own."*
- ❖ Observe and practice the Statement of Faith included in my Team Member Handbook. *Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*
- ❖ Refrain from the teaching or practice of any belief that would not be endorsed by Southeast Christian Church (speaking in tongues, infant baptism, etc.). *"We are not the only Christian's, we are Christian's only".*
- ❖ I agree to abide by the fundraising procedures endorsed by Southeast Christian Church and will personally thank all financial donors who contribute to my trip. *Romans 13:8 (NIV) "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another..." - "Gratitude is an attitude of the heart".*
- ❖ Remember that I can be sent home if I do not adhere to this Covenant or if my Team Leader believes it is in my best interest or that of the team. *Psalms 133:1 (NIV) "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" "United we stand, divided we fall - We are a united team under Christ."*
- ❖ Respect the decision of the Southeast Missions Ministry to refrain from using personal cell phones and laptops on the mission field. I agree these items are not necessary for my service to our missionary partners while on the field and all contact with family/friends should wait until I return from the trip.