

Participation Agreement

In consideration for participating on the following short-term mission project with Fruit Cove Baptist Church:

Participant Name: _____

Project Dates: _____

I agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless Fruit Cove Baptist Church, its employees, agents, and members from any and all claims or demands due to personal injury, illness, or death as well as any and all property damage sustained of any nature which may be incurred by me, whether in foreign or domestic territory, while participating in the above described event or activity. I agree that if any of my actions, comments or attitude are deemed to be destructive to the team, its mission or the partnering country/mission I will be removed from the event. I also agree to be directed by and responsible to the designated church leadership for the project. Further, I agree to hold harmless and to indemnify Fruit Cove Baptist Church as well as its employees, agents, or members for any liability or expenses sustained by the Fruit Cove Baptist Church as a result of my participation. I agree to allow the church to use video and photographs taken during this event for promotional use for future Fruit Cove Baptist Church mission trips and events.

I hereby authorize Fruit Cove Baptist Church or its representative to initiate any medically necessary care on my behalf in the event of my incapability to present myself for such care and agree to be financially responsible to any care provider and authorize the release of any necessary medical or insurance related information pertinent to the circumstances.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DUVAL/ST. JOHNS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____

by _____.

Stamp of Notary

Signature of Notary

Personally Known _____

Produced Identification _____ Type of Identification Produced _____

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Short-Term Mission Project Policies

Purpose of Short-Term Mission Projects

- To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.
- To impact the world through the living testimonies of project participants and through the Word of God.
- To aid and build up the ministry of the local missionary or pastor.
- To develop Great Commission believers.
- To assist our church in being obedient to God's command expressed in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19).
- To develop long-term, strategic relationships throughout the world.

Policies for Short-Term Member Selection

Criteria for team member selection:

- All team members must have a testimony of salvation through Jesus Christ and be able to verbally express this testimony.
- Team members should be at least 16 years of age unless otherwise approved by the team leader and Missions Committee. Parental or guardian permission is required for team members who are under 18 years of age.
- Team members must demonstrate willingness to complete the short-term mission team training as prescribed by the team leader(s) including all deadline dates.
- Team members 18 years of age and older must complete a criminal background check that will be kept on file with the church.

Application for the team:

- Team members must complete the short-term mission team application and submit it to the team leader by the prescribed dates.
- The team leader may require interviews with potential team members in addition to the application.
- Short-term members must agree to and comply with the Financial Policy (see next Section)

Financial Policy for short-term team members:

1. Team members are expected to raise 100% of their financial support for the trip.
2. Support shall be raised within and outside the church using the methods taught in the Short-Term Mission Team training.
3. Final Payments are due, two weeks prior to the date of trip departure.
4. Per Tax policies and regulations, all donations (not payments) received by the church for this trip will go towards the overall cost for this trip and will not be allocated to any one individual.
5. A team member will be responsible for all cost or expenses incurred on their behalf, should they have to cancel and cannot participate on the trip.

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Short-Term Mission Project Policies (continued)

Policies for team behavior and attitude:

Team members participating on a church sponsored short-term trips are reminded that they are ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As teams go they not only represent Him, but the church, the United States, and the supporting mission agency. This is a tremendous responsibility. For this reason, the Missions Committee asks that each team member seek to be above reproach in his/her actions and attitudes.

- Team members must submit to the team leader's authority.
- Due to the political instability and anti-American sentiment in various countries around the world, team members should refrain from expressing political opinions while overseas.
- Abstain from the consumption or purchase of alcoholic beverages or any use or purchase of tobacco or illegal drugs while on the trip.
- The team member must adhere to the behavioral guidelines for each specific team set by the team leadership or missionary agency with a mind toward the culture to which the team is going. This will require a servant attitude toward all nationals and team members, as well as the willingness to learn from the host culture.

After consultation with the Missions Committee, the team leader reserves the right to remove a team member at any point during the training or while on the trip if that team member's behavior is deemed to compromise the effectiveness of the team, the ministry, or the host community. Any additional costs incurred as a result of this action will be at the team member's expense.

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