

## Short Term Missions Program

### *Team Expectations*

As part of a short term missions team, you agree to the following statements which represent attitudes and behaviors that will contribute to a successful, God-honoring mission trip:

1. To be prayerful, in the Word and dependent on the leadership of the Holy Spirit
2. To attend all preparation and training meetings prior to the trip
3. To submit to the authority of First Presbyterian Church staff, team leaders, missionaries and national pastors/workers during the field experience
4. To be positive in all conversations and actions with other on the team and be willing to work well together. To seek to be inclusive in all relationships, without communicating a romantic interest while on the trip.
5. To be conscientious to serve with excellence and have a positive attitude. To, furthermore, be humble and have a servant's heart toward nationals, missionaries, and teammates; and to be thankful for the privilege of serving and respectful of the culture in which I serve.
6. To abstain from the use of alcohol, tobacco or any other behavior that may be considered disruptive to the purpose of the trip. To understand that these behaviors should not be participated in at any time and that participation of such activities are grounds for dismissal from any volunteer project, with return travel at the expense of the participant.
7. To be proactive in completing all scheduled requirements, including but not limited to: submitting a passport application as soon as possible, distributing support letters on time, organizing a personal prayer team, completing all necessary documentation required by the missions office in a timely manner, and executing proper follow up procedures at the conclusion of the trip (i.e. forms and thank you notes for support).
8. To cover the total cost of the trip, including any balance not covered by collected support funds, and to do so within the deadlines for all monies due, as laid forth by the FPC Missions Office. Penalty for non-compliance with this policy will result in personal disqualification from participating in the trip and/or potential cancellation of the trip as a whole, with collected contributions retained for future trips. Such penalty will be determined at the discretion of the FPC Missions Committee.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***PARENTAL COMMITMENT***

If the participant is a minor (under the age of 18, by the departure date of this trip), parents are required to complete this section. As a parent of a team member who is a minor, you agree to the following guidelines on behalf of and in partnership with your child.

1. To encourage my child to fulfill all the requirements of the trip, as set forth in the "Team Expectations"
2. If my child fails to comply with the requirements of discipline on the trip, I agree to purchase airfare and cover the costs of the child being sent home, if necessary.
3. If, by the deadline for support to be raised, my child has not raised the entire required amount, I agree to write a check to cover the remaining balance needed on that date. If I am unable to write the check, I understand that my child will be unable to go on the trip.

Parent  
Signature #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent  
Signature #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_