



Team Contract

RELEASE OF RIGHTS

**LAYING DOWN YOUR RIGHTS WILL BE THE KEY
to your experience and effectiveness.**

Read, sign and return into your Team Leader

We live in a world that is full of rights. Our particular culture is one where we take pride in our rights. The rights of individuals are constitutional; however, as we see the demanding of individual rights increase, we see more of the moral fiber of our society decrease. Our Lord Jesus Christ laid down His rights to the heavens and all His glory to become a man and to serve, not to be served (Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 10:45).

Consider laying down your rights on this mission journey. Not to lay them down for better or worse, but to entrust them to the Lord, or transfer the responsibility of them to a place of safekeeping. These rights may seem reasonable but could still cause dissension on a short-term mission journey. Take time to search your heart and willingly surrender your rights to the Lord.

Romans 12:1

I give up my right to:

*a comfortable bed
three meals a day
familiar food
dressing fashionable
seeing results
control of myself
control of others
control of circumstances
pleasant circumstances
making decisions
taking up offense
being successful
being understood
being heard
being right*

I entrust to God:

*my strength and endurance
my health and strength
my likes and dislikes of food
my security in Him
His purposes and fruit in His timing
my need for His Spirit control
His workmanship in others
my circumstances to His purposes in
making me Christ-like
the privilege of suffering for His sake
His sovereign hand on my life
my security in His love
my reputation
my need for recognition
my need for His righteousness*

***I give God permission to do anything He wishes
to me, with me, in me, or through me, that would glorify Him.***

Print name: _____

Signature _____

Date _____



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Read, sign and return to Danielle

We, the members of the Short-Term Missions Team, believe that God has called us together to serve and agree together concerning the following:

Our Vision

We desire to be a team of people characterized by Christ-like behavior exhibited through unconditional love, unselfish service and unified teamwork. Our ultimate purpose as a team and as individuals is in accordance with I Corinthians 9:12, "I do all this for the sake of the gospel that I may share in its blessings."

Our Team Objectives

We believe that we can fulfill this vision through the following commitments to each other:

- **Teamwork:** We commit ourselves to be a group of individuals who unite as one, striving to accomplish the same goal; glorifying Christ and increasing His church.
- **Communication:** We commit ourselves to resolve all inter-team conflicts according to Biblical principles. This involves prayer as the first step, personal confrontation as the follow-up step, and the counsel of a third party (namely, a leader) as a third and final resort. In all issues of conflict, we commit ourselves to maintain a humble spirit of confidentiality, while seeking to obey Ephesians 4:29, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."
- **Forgiveness:** We commit ourselves to the recognition of sin as our common enemy so that we each may be sensitive to our human failures and forgive each other. We recognize that forgiveness is manifested through an understanding, forgetful attitude and the continuation of demonstrated love. We commit ourselves to resolving any bitterness because we realize that bitterness will drag the whole team down, in accordance with Hebrews 12:15, "See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many."
- **Spiritual Growth:** We commit ourselves to personal worship and fellowship with God through obedience to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and an openness to learn from God's Spirit in all situations. We agree to have the same attitude of Paul the Apostle with respect to:

Failure: (Philippians 3:12-14) "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Perseverance: (I Corinthians 9:24-27) "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore, I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."



Team Covenant

Our Team Structure

We believe that the following structural elements in our Team Covenant will enable us to carry out our team objectives:

- **Team Meetings:** Before, during, and after the project, our team meetings will be crucial for fulfilling the commitments mentioned. These team meetings shall include: team devotions, team prayer, time for communication of details and plans, and time for individual relational development.
- **Personal Quiet Times:** We will attempt to be as faithful as possible in our daily time with God because we believe that growing individually is essential to growing as a team.
- **Affirmation:** We commit ourselves to encourage one another through verbal affirmation and/or the sending of notes of encouragement to one another as often as possible.
- **Ministry Opportunities:** We will seek to be a witness of the love of Jesus Christ to the people we meet throughout our journey. This shall include testimonies, speaking at churches, and Christ-like behavior. John 4:35, "Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest?' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."
- **Work:** We recognize that if our objectives are to be completed, we must all commit ourselves to work to the best of our God-given ability every day of the project. I Corinthians 10:31, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."
- **Prayer:** We commit ourselves to daily prayer for each team member and the project.
- **Leadership:** We recognize the official leader of our team. In situations of team concern, we commit ourselves at all times to be in a submissive attitude to our leader. We also recognize that this mission journey is an opportunity for all of us to develop God-given leadership ability, and we commit ourselves to that end through the pursuing of individual growth opportunities that may arise.

Evaluation and Accountability

We shall hold each other on the team accountable to this covenant, and we shall measure our success in keeping this covenant by:

- **Correcting each other** according to Biblical and covenant principles. Colossians 1:28, "We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ."
- **Responding without defensiveness** when we are corrected, believing that other team members have our best interests and the best interests of the team in mind. Proverbs 27:5-6, "Better is open rebuke than hidden love. The kisses of an enemy may be profuse, but faithful are the wounds of a friend."
- **Meeting as a team** within one month after we return home to review the covenant and evaluate our performance as a team.

As a member of the Team, I commit myself

to abide by this covenant to the best of my God-given ability.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____



Benefits of going on a short term mission journey.

1. You'll provide needed assistance and encouragement to resident field missionaries.
2. You'll develop international ties of friendship with the host church, understanding their needs and challenges, assisting in their ministry.
3. You'll broaden your vision of the church universal and come back with a greater appreciation for what God is doing in the world today.
4. You'll deepen your compassion for a world without Christ, and many times experience greater boldness in sharing your faith right here at home.
5. You'll have the great experience of working in harmony with a team of other believers, seeing the Lord blend together various personalities, gifts and cultural backgrounds.
6. You'll see God provide specific answers to specific needs as the ministry unfolds, starting with financial provision right through to logistical and ministry challenges.
7. You'll return home with a sharpened perspective on the critical nature of prayer in world missions and better able to pray effectively.
8. You'll probably discover or develop new capacities for ministry which you had not exercised before.
9. You'll see how God will use other people to uplift you in prayer in ways you may have never experienced before.
10. You'll be a part of seeing the gospel carried to people who desperately need to hear it.

