

# Risk Awareness and Travel Agreement For Mission Trips

## Preamble:

This agreement sets out the terms and conditions for people who are visiting mission sites outside the United States for short term service. For purposes of clarity, the term Sponsor, as used in this document, means \_\_\_\_\_.

What follows are the terms and conditions for one to participate in this trip to and from an overseas mission country. These terms and conditions pertain to the trip itself and activities undertaken during your stay with the Sponsor in mission. They are written in the first person as your statement of understanding and agreement.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, will participate in a short term volunteer trip to the following countries  
\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_.

## I understand:

- that I am a volunteer and neither a member nor an employee of the Sponsor
- that as a participant on this trip, I may be perceived as representing the Sponsor and will therefore abide by the Code of Conduct I have received and signed
- fully and appreciate that there are dangers, hazards, and perhaps some risks directly or inherently involved in this trip to another country that I wish to engage in including, but not limited to, death or injury by accident, disease, war, terrorist acts, weather conditions, inadequate or non-existent medical services and supplies, criminal activity and random acts of violence
- that the Sponsor may not have medical personnel available during this trip and associated activities and I consent that the Sponsor=s personnel may authorize emergency medical treatment by others, if necessary
- that the Sponsor is not requiring me to participate in the travel, the activity, or any adjunct activities of this sponsored trip as part of my vocational discernment or for any other reason
- that by sponsoring the trip, the Sponsor does not cover the cost of transportation. I shall not hold the Sponsor liable for any damages whatsoever resulting from the performance or delay in performance of any common carrier or other person providing transportation or services incidental thereto

## I state:

- that I have no health-related reasons or problems, which could in any way, preclude or restrict my participation in this overseas mission trip
- that I have consulted with my physician regarding necessary immunizations
- that I have adequate health insurance to cover me during the trip
- that I have checked the U.S. State Department website and the Center for Disease Control ([www.cdc.org](http://www.cdc.org)) for the country of destination. I am aware of and have assessed the risks set forth in that website as part of my decision to join in the trip. I acknowledge that there may be additional factors that may not have been brought to my attention. I have concluded that the risks are acceptable and are outweighed by my desire to voluntarily participate

I will:

- not hold the Sponsor, its members, agents and/or employees liable for any personal injury, loss of life or damage of property sustained by me on this trip
- indemnify and hold the Sponsor harmless from and against any and all judgments, claims, actions, damages, losses and expenses (including reasonable attorney=s fees) which the Sponsor may sustain or incur by reason of suit or cause of action or any claim or demand made against it by any party with respect to me whether founded or unfounded and I waive any defense to the enforcement of any provision of this agreement arising from a lack of consideration and warrant that this commitment constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against me in accordance with its terms and this provision will survive the termination of my participation.
- fully obey all local, county, state, federal, and foreign country laws and ordinances while on this trip, and will also fully comply with the rules and regulations stipulated to me by the Sponsor=s personnel in charge of my trip.

I am responsible for myself. If I am hospitalized or incarcerated and said hospitalization or incarceration extends beyond the length of the trip, the Sponsor will not be responsible for me, and no Sponsor representative shall be obligated to remain with me.

I agree that at the sole discretion of the Sponsor, the Sponsor has the right to send me home from the trip early. I shall be responsible for my own transportation and expenses, if any, in the event that the Sponsor exercises its right under this paragraph.

The person or persons designated by the Sponsor as chaperones during my stay overseas shall be considered as in charge of the trip and I will obey their directives at all times.

I realize it is my responsibility to be on time for all departures and if the transportation leaves without me, it is solely my own responsibility to find and pay for any alternative transportation I may need.

I certify that I have read this Risk Awareness and Travel Agreement completely and understand all the terms and conditions therein.

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Participant Name (print) B Date Participant Name (signature)

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Witness Name (print) - Date Witness Name (signature)

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Sponsor Representative (print)-Date Sponsor Representative (signature)