

# Personal Covenant & Liability Release Form

I recognize and accept the following conditions which will further the usefulness and safety of our mission trip through Lancaster Baptist Church or West Coast Baptist College. I have read and I understand each of the conditions listed below and, if accepted as a member of this team, I agree to:

1. Assume all of the risks which may be encountered on the mission trip, including activities preliminary and subsequent thereto.
2. I acknowledge that participation in the above trip involves risk to the Participant (and to Participant's parents or guardians, if Participant is a minor), and may result in various types of injury including, but not limited to the following: sickness, bodily injury, death, emotional injury, personal injury, property damage and financial damage. In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the above trip, the Participant (or parent/guardian if Participant is a minor) acknowledges and accepts the risks of injury associated with participation in the trip. The Participant (or parent/guardian) accepts personal financial responsibility for any injury sustained during the trip. Further, the Participant (or parent/guardian) promises to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Trip Sponsor and its agents, employees, volunteers, or any other representatives (collectively included hereinafter in the term "Trip Sponsor") for any injury related directly or indirectly out of the above trip, whether such injury arises out of the negligence of the Trip Sponsor or otherwise. If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, the Participant (or parent/guardian) agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable alternative dispute resolution process. If the Participant (or parent/guardian) and the Trip Sponsor cannot agree upon such a process, the dispute will be submitted to a three-member arbitration panel of the American Arbitration Association for final resolution.
3. Abstain from making derogatory comments or arguments regarding people, politics, sports, religion, race, or traditions.
4. Go with a servant's spirit and realize that I am representing both the Lord and this ministry.
5. Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the team leader and promise to abide by his decisions as they concern this mission trip.
6. Acknowledge that by engaging in this journey, I am subjecting myself to certain risks voluntarily, including and in addition to those risks that I normally face in my personal and business life, including but not limited to such things as health hazards due to poor food and water, diseases, pests, and poor sanitation; potential danger from lack of control over local population; potential injury while working; and inadequate medical facilities.
7. Attend all possible team meetings, both prior to departure and during the mission trip. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team unless other prior arrangements are made.
8. Expeditiously follow up on all requirement for passports, visas, financial obligation, vaccinations, travel insurance, etc.
9. If a loved one or dear friend is traveling with me, we agree to interact with all members of the team, not just one another. I promise not to initiate or seek new romantic relationships with team members during the trip. I will avoid any actions which might be perceived as amorous attentions toward indigenous people I meet.
10. Abide by the Information Handbook of West Coast Baptist College in all areas of modesty, separation, and standards.
11. Refrain from giving gifts, such as money, clothes, jewelry, tape players, etc. Although the intent of the giver is good, the result after we leave could cause problems for our host and jealousy amongst locals. If I feel compelled to give a gift to someone I have met, I will consult first with the team leader before I promise or give the gift, and I promise to let him make the final decision on this matter. This covenant does not apply to the small fellowship tokens we will discuss and have approved before leaving home.
12. I understand that gifts made payable to Lancaster Baptist Church or West Coast Baptist College for my participation in this mission trip are considered tax-deductible donations. As such, I further understand the following: a) that there are no refunds for any reason of payments made by me or made by donors on my behalf for this mission trip, b) that payments made by me or made by donors on my behalf for this trip are not transferrable to any other participant or purpose, c) to the extent that my fundraising efforts generate donations in excess of my established participant cost for the trip, those excess funds will not be refunded

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nor used for any other purpose to my benefit. Excess funds will be used for general mission program needs.

13. I agree to use the required language found in the sample letter in the Mission Trip Manual for any fundraising letter that I send, and I further agree to have my fundraising letter pre-approved by the trip leader.
14. I acknowledge that I have read the Mission Trip Manual and agree to abide by it both in spirit and in letter.
15. I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the trip, and that mediation during the trip has failed to correct my behavior, that my services in connection with this mission shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.
16. In signing below, I represent that I am 18 years of age or older, or my parent/guardian will sign also, accepting the above conditions on my behalf.

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

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian (if applicant is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_