

Team Covenant

Because our words and actions reflect directly upon Woodlands Church, our host missionary, and our national partners, it is imperative that our behavior and service be exemplary.

As a Medical Missions team in a developing country, maintaining this behavior can be difficult. We will encounter unusual situations well outside our comfort zone. We will face challenges with a team of individuals with whom we have never served and barely know. Hard work, different language, new culture, tight quarters and large crowds will be our daily lot. There will be multiple opportunities for misunderstanding, conflict, and even fragmentation.

Due to the unique challenges of a Medical Missions trip, we ask that you resolve to prioritize two key values: **Personal Spiritual Growth** and **Team Growth**

Personal Spiritual Growth

As a faith-based medical team, rather than simply a medical team, we strongly encourage team members to avail themselves of the opportunity to develop their spiritual life. Daily times for spiritual reflection and prayer will be provided. We believe there is a transformational dynamic to prioritizing personal spiritual growth. Without individual team members aligning their hearts with God's, the team will not serve effectively.

Team Growth

Looking beyond our own needs to the bigger picture is a crucial maturity necessary for Medical Missions. A willingness to follow leadership, a full participation in group meetings, and a heart to serve wherever needed, will go far to minimize misunderstandings and promote team unity and cohesiveness.

Assumption of Risk

Our commitment to responsible logistics includes full disclosure as to the risks of a medical missions trip. These risks would include risks to person and property including but not limited to death or injury by accident, disease, terrorist acts, weather conditions, and inadequate medical services. As a faith-based trip, we acknowledge these risks, prepare as thoroughly as possible for them, and leave the ultimate issue in God's hands. Woodlands Church, its agents, employees, and volunteer assistants are hereby released from any liability from these risks during the course of involvement with Woodlands Medical Missions.

We also ask team members to verify that they are physically fit and have no medical conditions that would prevent them from serving.

Waivers

Natural disasters, political crises or ministry-related difficulties may require Woodlands Church to change or cancel trips. Because Woodlands Church is registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, all donations made for mission trips are tax deductible. In order for supporters or yourself to receive a tax deduction, checks must be made payable to "Woodlands Church" and not to the participant. Contribution statements are generated each year for any person(s) who have donated over \$250. If you or your supporters have given under \$250 and would like to receive a contribution statement, please contact the Plover church office and they would be happy to have one generated for you.

IRS regulations prohibit Woodlands from refunding any contribution or deposits it receives for missions' trips. Donations received above the cost of the trip will be placed into the missions fund and used for this trip.

My signature below certifies my approval of this agreement and intention to comply with its contents.

Participant's Name (Please Print)

Participant's Signature

Date