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Trip \_\_\_\_\_

## **Mission Trip Participant Code of Conduct**

Crestview Baptist Church, Georgetown, TX

We at Crestview Baptist Church see mission trips as a discipleship opportunity for all individuals who choose to participate. We believe that mission trips are an opportunity for people to grow in their faith and to view the character of God from a fresh perspective.

We believe that mission trips are a privilege for all who participate, and that there is an expectation that trip members will conduct themselves during the planning phase, missions phase, and return phase with integrity and conduct that will display honesty, love, respect, and cooperation toward the staff and members of Crestview, the members of the mission team, our local mission partners, and the people we will serve on the mission field.

**Agreeing to serve on a Crestview Baptist mission team means that you are agreeing to adhere to and abide by all guidelines, policies, and procedures as outlined below, as described in any handouts received, and as presented in any trainings/meetings.**

1. Go as a servant disciple of Jesus Christ and adopt that attitude when dealing with the team members and the people you meet during the trip. Respect the advice you are given concerning attire, eating, and drinking, and other such traditions that will help you to assimilate into the local community.
2. Participate fully in the mission; if you do not have an assigned task, find someone to help.
3. Accept and respect the role and authority of the mission team leadership by committing to respect their decisions concerning this mission trip.
4. Make sure that your outward appearance projects the image of Christ to the host culture. You may need to ask your leaders or local partners what is appropriate. Adhere to the dress code established for your trip.
5. Abstain from making derogatory comments or getting involved in arguments regarding people, politics, sports, religion, race, or traditions. Refrain from meddling, complaining, and using obscene or insensitive humor.
6. Attend all team meetings, both prior to departure and during the mission trip. If you are unable to attend, please contact your leadership prior to the meeting. Excessive nonparticipation will cause a heavier workload for others.
7. For your safety and for that of others, make sure the group leadership knows where you are at all times. You should never wander off alone while on the mission trip.

8. Refrain from giving gifts such as money, clothes, jewelry, electronics, etc. Although the intent of the giver is good, the results after we leave can cause problems for our hosts. If you feel compelled to give a gift to someone you have met, consult first with the team leadership or host beforehand, then respect and abide by their final decision on the matter.
9. Adopt a flexible attitude. Mission trips can be tiring, plans may change, and culture shock can make one critical. If you feel that you need to talk about issues that arise, please do so with your leadership rather than gossiping or complaining with one another. And remember that you can always talk to God about it!
10. Starting a dating relationship with a team member or a local resident while on the trip can be a major distraction to the commitment you have made. Do not be alone with a member of the opposite sex who is not a relative. Keep your focus on the ministries at hand. If you are already in a relationship with a team member, please do not let it interfere with the work you have been called to do.
11. At all times, follow the Crestview Child Protection Policy guidelines.
12. Please refrain from use of tobacco, illegal drugs, and alcoholic beverages.
13. Obey the laws of your mission location, Texas, and the United States.
14. Make a daily personal quiet time a priority. You need it on mission more than ever!
15. Refrain from any behavior or activity that would hinder your ministry or the ministry of your team during the term of your mission trip. If, upon the judgment of the team leadership, and upon advice from Crestview leadership, you have become a detriment and/or danger to the mission, you may be sent home, at your own expense.

**I understand and agree to the above standards for conduct. My conduct will not jeopardize the success of the mission trip; however, if my conduct leads to mediation, I agree to work with the leadership to resolve any problems with my conduct.**

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**Print Name of Participant**

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**Signature of Participant**

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**Date**

**If the participant is a minor (under the age of 18):**

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**Print Name of Parent or Guardian**

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**Signature of Parent or Guardian**

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**Date**