



GLOBAL OUTREACH TEAM

COVENANT

All team members and leaders will be asked to sign the following Covenant to ensure consistency in character and conduct.

I recognize and accept the following conditions which will further the usefulness and safety of our short-term mission. If accepted as a member of this First Assembly Global Outreach Team, I agree to:

- Release and discharge the organizations and individuals which helped make these arrangements, including First Assembly Church, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, or executions that I have ever had, or now have, or may have, or which my heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have, against these organizations, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, and their successors or assigns, for all personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of this journey. I intend to be legally bound by this statement.
- Adopt an attitude that I am on this team to try to understand the host culture, not to convince them of my own viewpoint or style. I know that there are many different ways to accomplish the same objective, and know that my way is not necessarily the best.
- Abstain from making derogatory comments or partake in arguments regarding people, politics, sports, religion, race, or traditions.
- Go as servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the trip.
- Accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the team leader and promise to abide by his or her decisions concerning this missions trip.
- 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.
- Understand that our teams' work is but a tiny speck on the bigger picture that our mission partners are trying to accomplish. I promise not to be overly demanding, to do by my best not to offend or cause embarrassment for the local mission host, and to do my best to help them attain their long-term goals.
- Attend all team meetings and training, both prior to departure, during the mission trip and after our return home. I understand that if I miss more than one (1) of the four (4) training sessions or more than one (1) of the five (5) team meetings, I may be asked to resign from the team.
- Refrain from meddling, complaining, and obscene or insensitive humor. I realize that others on my team, during the journey, and while onsite will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts, and will not treat that responsibility lightly. I understand that travel, especially to remote locations, can be difficult, and I promise to adopt a flexible attitude and be supportive as plans may need to be changed. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team, unless other prior arrangements are made.

- Regard the differing styles of worship with respect. I promise that where I see the need, I will witness my faith, but without a superior, colonial/Western attitude.
- If a loved one or close companion 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.
- Avoid any actions that might be perceived as amorous attentions toward indigenous people or team members.
- Refrain from using tobacco or alcoholic beverages starting from departure from Calgary and until we return to Calgary. Abstain from any illegal drugs or prohibited activity while on this trip.
- Remember we are the new Christians from another part of the world and will be watched very closely. I will not take lightly this important responsibility of setting an example. I agree not to use inappropriate language and not to promote non-Christian views.
- Refrain from giving gifts, such a money, clothes, jewelry, tape players, etc. Although the intent of the giver is good, the result after we leave can cause problems for our host, and jealousy and bitterness amongst those who received no such largesse. 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 or her 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.
- Act as a servant-disciple of the local pastor or mission organization. I will respect the advice I am given concerning attire, eating & drinking, and other such traditions, which will help me to assimilate into the local community.
- 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 behaviour, that my services in connection with this mission shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.
- 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.

Name of Team Member: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____