

TEAM MEMBER COVENANT

A mission trip can be a very rewarding experience. It is necessary for a volunteer that goes to a different country to prepare for this experience. It is vital that all volunteers read and acknowledge that they understand the risks, requirements, and expectations of travel to Honduras.

REQUIREMENTS OF TEAM MEMBERS:

As a member of this team, I will:

Watch “When Helping Hurts” Video Series and participate in group discussions

Attend all Pre-Trip Meetings

Be Understanding of the vision of Riverside Community Church and only do things that fall in line with their vision

EXPECTATIONS OF TEAM MEMBERS:

I realize that being part of this team is a responsibility as well as a privilege. I realize that I will be expected to:

- Be committed to the team
- Have a positive attitude in all circumstances- even when plans change
- Be respectful and obey the direction of my team leader(s) and the Missionaries/Hondurans we work with
- Leave my “American” way of thinking behind, and try to see Honduras through a Honduran perspective
- To take part in learning about the Honduran culture and to strive to be culturally sensitive to my host culture at all times

- Complete all tasks and studies as directed by the leadership of this team

TEAM MEMBERS COMMITMENT

Please read and initial the following:

_____ I acknowledge that I will be in a different culture where some common American behaviors or customs may not apply or even be offensive to Hondurans, therefore I will take care to be aware of my behavior and how it affects those around me.

_____ I commit to being flexible, patient and pleasant. I will, at all times, exemplify a Christ like-attitude, strong morals and positive behavior in order to be a role model and influence to those around me.

_____ I commit to only take actions that fall in line with Riverside's mission and vision

_____ I acknowledge that I am a guest working with Sparrow Missions and will behave and respond as a grateful visitor, including eating what I'm offered and participating with community/mission activities as they are presented.

_____ I understand that I am here to serve and that I will be respectful and honoring to the people, my team, and culture in which I am serving.

_____ I will remember I have come to learn. I'll resist the temptation to inform our hosts about "how we do things." I will be open to learning about other people's methods & ideas, in all areas of work, leisure and religion.

_____ I will develop & maintain a servant attitude toward all nationals, Sparrow Missions staff, teachers, clinic workers, onsite missionaries, team members and team leaders.

_____ I commit to respect and submit to all Sparrow Missions staff along with my team leaders and his or her decisions.

_____ I will refrain from complaining. I know that travel can present numerous unexpected and undesired circumstances, but the rewards of conquering such circumstances are innumerable. Instead of whining and complaining, I'll be creative and supportive.

_____ I understand that I am going to Honduras as a team member of Riverside Community Church. I will participate in all trainings and group activities before, during and after my time in

Honduras.

_____ I will abstain from illegal drugs, tobacco and alcohol abuse, as well as offensive and immodest dress and profanity during this mission.

_____ I will only make phone calls, text, email, use social media during designated times by my Team Leader. I understand that it can be a distraction and I will not allow it to interfere with team time or the community we are serving alongside.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receiving this Outreach packet and acknowledges having read and understood all these requirements and expectations listed herein. The undersigned hereby acknowledges that by not completing requirements or expectations could lead to suspension from the team.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

If a Minor: Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

Team Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____
