

Glory Project Short Term

Mission Trip Code of Conduct

Introduction

Thank you for participating in a Glory Project mission trip! Our goal is to serve faithfully, honor the ministries we partner with, and reflect Christ in all we do. To help guide your behavior and preparation, we ask all participants to review and affirm this Code of Conduct.

1. Commitment

I understand that I am participating at the invitation of a local ministry and agree to follow the guidelines in this Code of Conduct. I will:

- I respect and follow the guidance of my hosts, including dress, food, and cultural norms.
- Approach the trip with a **learning mindset**, sharing the Gospel respectfully and being open to new ways of doing ministry.
- Honor the host ministry's view of Christianity, recognizing this trip is for **experiencing faith in a new context**.
- Serve with a **humble and cooperative attitude** toward nationals, missionaries, and teammates.
- Fulfill all logistical requirements, including **passports, insurance, finances, and health precautions**.
- Avoid inappropriate behavior, romantic involvement, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs during the trip.
- Limit use of phones or devices during ministry hours.
- Submit to the authority of my team leader and their discernment and wisdom.
- Cover all trip costs in alignment with deadlines and agreements.

2. Dress Code

Participants are expected to **adhere to the mission trip dress code**. Dress codes are designed to be **culturally appropriate, honor the ministries we serve, and ensure the safety and witness of all team members**.

Key Points:

- You will be **briefed on specific dress requirements** for each location.
- For **ministry times**, clothing should be modest and practical:
 - Shorts should be **at least fingertip length**.
 - No spaghetti-strap tops, sheer, gaping, or low-cut clothing.
- For **free time or adventure days**, the team leader will provide guidance based on cultural context and safety.
- The goal is always to **honor the local culture**, maintain a **respectful witness**, and allow participants to serve comfortably and safely.

3. Spiritual Preparation

- **Pray** for confidence in God's leading as you prepare to participate.
- **Pray** for spiritual, emotional, and physical preparation and protection (*Ephesians 6:10–18*).
- **Pray** for strength, wisdom, endurance, and patience—for yourself and your team (*Ephesians 4:3–6*).
- **Build confidence** by connecting with full-time missionaries serving in the country.
- **Learn and grow** by reading about the country, its culture, and its people.
- **Engage** in information meetings, language studies, and fundraising activities.
- **Practice cultural connection** by visiting a local ethnic restaurant and trying out the language as you order a meal.

4. Behavior & Respect

- Be respectful, humble, and flexible in all interactions.
- Honor **local customs and expectations**, even if they differ from your own.
- Refrain from any activity that could harm the team's witness, your personal safety, or relationships with nationals.
- Follow instructions from team leaders and ministry hosts promptly.

5. Financial Giving

- **Do not give cash directly** to children, families, ministries, or church members.
- If you feel led to give financially, **consult your ministry host** for the proper way to do so.
- Our goal is to **avoid creating dependency** and to ensure we are truly supporting **sustainable ministry opportunities**.

I affirm that I have read, understand, and will follow these commitments and the Code of Conduct.

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