

Volunteer Code of Conduct

In order to make this short-term volunteer mission an effective outreach and discipleship experience, International Ministries requires that each volunteer agree to abide by this code of conduct:

1. When you participate in a short-term mission trip sponsored by International Ministries, you are an ambassador of Jesus Christ. You represent not only God, but also your country, church and supporting mission agency. This is a tremendous responsibility. For this reason, you must seek to be above reproach in both actions and attitudes and to act as a witness to those around you always.
2. Remember that you are a guest as well as God's servant. Respect the local customs of your host country and comply with any culture-specific restrictions that are communicated to you by the mission leader or host.
3. Treat those of the opposite gender as brothers or sisters in Christ. Avoid any romantic relationships with the nationals and fellow team members. If you already have a romantic attachment with a team member or a national, be sensitive to other team members and the culture that you are visiting. This includes time alone, physical displays of affection and anything else that hinders your involvement in the mission.
4. Members of the opposite sex will not be permitted in your housing. Any exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis, and permission must be given prior to the day of the event. This includes visiting family members, friends and other volunteers.
5. Your team leader or host has the final authority and should be treated with respect at all times.
6. If there is distribution and/or consumption of illegal substances, the team leader or host will send you back home, at your own expense.
7. Gambling, the use of profane or abusive language, alcohol abuse or any illegal substance will not be tolerated at any time.
8. If at any point a volunteer becomes a liability to the mission, the host or in country partner, he or she can be sent home at his or her expense.
9. By signing this application, you agree that you will fully participate in all planned activities and will follow the directions of your team leader or host.

Conduct Agreement

In order to insure the safety and effectiveness of this mission, as well as to promote a positive atmosphere conducive to evangelism and discipleship, I, _____, will act according to Christian principles and follow the guidelines in this code of conduct laid out by International Ministries and my team leader or host.

Participant's Signature: _____ DATE: _____

Minor Only Agreement

I, the parent or guardian of _____, understand that my child must uphold this code of conduct, and I agree to hold my child accountable for his or her actions while on this short-term mission trip. If a problem should occur, I understand it will be my responsibility to deal with it at my expense.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ DATE: _____