

MedReach, Inc.
Mission Team Policies

Realizing that the following elements are crucial to the smoothness and safety of our mission, as a team member I agree to:

- a. Remember that I am a guest working at the invitation of a local missionary, pastor, medical clinic, or other host organization. Realizing that my team will be in the location for just a short time but that the host organization will be there for the long term, I will do nothing to harm my hosts' relationship with the people to whom they minister. I will "become all things to all men, if by all means I might save some." If people are offended by bare arms, shirtless backs or exposed legs, I will cover them. If they offer me goat meat stew, I will try it, remembering the missionary's prayer: "Where You lead me, I will follow; what You feed me, I will swallow!"
- b. Remember that I have come to serve, not to teach. If I run across procedures that I think are inefficient, or attitudes that I think are poor, I will resist the temptation to inform people about "how we do things!" I will be open to learn about people's ideas and ways.
- c. Develop and maintain a servant attitude toward all nationals, our host and my teammates, remembering that I am to be like my Lord, who "came not to be served but to serve!"
- d. Respect my team leader(s) and obey instructions immediately and joyfully.
- e. Refrain from gossip. People blossom when freed from the concern that others may be talking about them.
- f. Refrain from complaining. I know travel can present many unexpected and undesired circumstances, but rewards of conquering such circumstances are great. Instead of whining and fussing, I will be creative, supportive, cooperative and flexible.
- g. Attend all team preparation classes and follow-up meetings so far as I am able.
- h. Fulfill all logistical requirements. I will comply with deadlines for forms, passports, shots, etc.
- i. Refrain from negative political comments or hostile discussions concerning the host country.
- j. Remember not to be exclusive in my relationships. I will not form cliques that exclude other team members. If my sweetheart or spouse is on the team, I will make every effort to interact with all members of the team, not just one another. If I am attracted to a teammate; I will not attempt to pursue an exclusive relationship until we return home. I will refrain from any activity that could be construed as romantic interest toward a national. Certain things that seem innocent enough in my own culture could be quite inappropriate in others.
- k. Abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or other so-called "recreational"/ illegal drugs while on the trip and while traveling to and from our destination.
- l. Ladies: Wear a skirt to church meetings and Jesus Film Showings.
- m. Give no monies to any national or make any promise of any money for school fees or any other support. I will not indicate by my words or actions any intentions to help any national travel out of his country.

Signed _____ Date ____/____/____