

# Dominican Republic Team Covenant

As a member of the DR Mission Team, I affirm the following:

- ◆ I will strive to attend and actively participate in team meetings in an effort to promote both team unity and my own personal preparedness.
- ◆ I will adhere to deadlines for submitting payment and paperwork (eg. passport copies, insurance forms, etc).
- ◆ I will attend and have an active role in fundraising activities, understanding that these activities are essential to ensure that the groups has sufficient supplies to accomplish our various mission activities.
- ◆ While on the mission trip, I will remember that I am a representative of Christ to the people of the Dominican Republic, whose expectations of what constitutes appropriate appearance and behavior for a Christian may differ from mine. Accordingly, I recognize my responsibility to be sensitive to the values of our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic. Specifically, while in the Dominican Republic,
  - I will not have exposed tattoos
  - I will not drink alcoholic beverages, smoke, or use drugs
  - I will wear clothing that is appropriate in Dominican culture.
    - \*Female members must have covered shoulders at all times. Business casual attire is required for church. A modest one-piece bathing suit may be worn at the beach.
    - \*Male members must wear shirts (with short or long sleeves) at all times while around the house or out in the community (no tank tops) and long pants for church.
    - \*Male members should remove piercings for the duration of the trip
- ◆ While on the mission trip, I will respect the layout of the team's living accommodations in regard to gender, and, with the exception of caring for an ill family member, I will refrain from entering space designated for the opposite sex. Also, I will refrain from any physical contact which could be construed, by a sound-minded Christian, as inappropriate for a member of a Christian mission team.
- ◆ I understand that emergency services in the Dominican Republic are unreliable if not unavailable in certain places. Accordingly, I will think of safety while doing our mission work and using our free time, avoiding unnecessary risks that could result in my personal injury thereby inhibiting the team's ability to do its mission.
- ◆ I will be flexible and agreeable, understanding that the Dominican culture is a bit different than American culture. Above all, I will strive to look to the needs of others above my own, maintaining a friendly attitude of service toward all of the members of my team.

By signing below, I signify my understanding of the above statements. I also understand that if I fail to adhere to the above statements, I may no longer be able to participate in the mission. In extreme circumstances, I may even be sent home at my own expense. Furthermore, due to the nature of payment schedules, any funds already paid will become a donation to the team.

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Team Member Signature

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Date

As a parent, I will support my child in upholding the above team covenant.

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Parent or Guardian Signature if under 18

Parent phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_