

## Personal Agreement & Guidelines

### Blessing Hearts International

The guidelines listed below are decided by Blessing Hearts International for those participating in this mission trip. This agreement does not replace requirements that your church or organization may have for you.

You go not as a tourist, but as a guest of another country. You will not have the same conveniences you are used to at home. It is very important to be flexible and willing to adjust to the expectations of your host. We have a long-term commitment to the community we serve in Haiti and will not jeopardize our reputation with a short-term group.

#### I accept the following guidelines and agree to the following:

- (1) I will go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during the trip. I realize that others during the trip will look at me as an example of how a Christian acts, and I will not treat that responsibility lightly.
- (2) While I am on this trip, I will adopt an attitude of understanding. I will respect the home country and its culture, and not try to convince others of my own viewpoint or style.
- (3) I acknowledge that by engaging in this journey, I am subjecting myself to certain risks voluntarily, including and in addition to those risks I normally face in my personal and professional life – including, but not limited to such things as health hazards due to poor food and water, diseases, pests, and poor sanitation, potential danger from lack of control over local population, potential injury while working, hazardous road and travel conditions, and inadequate medical facilities.
- (4) I will abstain from making derogatory comments or arguments regarding people, politics, sports, religion, race or traditions.
- (5) I understand that our team's work is a tiny part of the bigger picture that the Dorcés are trying to accomplish. I will respect the advice I am given concerning attire, eating and drinking, and other such traditions. I promise not to be overly demanding, to do my best not to offend or cause embarrassment for the local mission host, and to do my best to help them attain their long-term goals.
- (6) If a loved one or dear friend is traveling with me, we agree to interact with all the members of the team, not just one another. I promise not to initiate or seek new romantic relationships with team members or locals during the trip. I promise to give out **no** personal information (e-mail, phone number, address, etc.) to any of the locals.
- (7) I will abstain from using tobacco or alcoholic beverages while in Haiti and during all travels, including flights to and from Haiti. I will abstain from any illegal drugs or prohibited activity while on this trip.
- (8) I will refrain from giving gifts of any sort. (Although the intent of the giver is good, the result after we leave will cause problems for our host, and jealousy and bitterness among the locals.) If I feel compelled to give a gift to someone I have met, I will consult **first** with the host missionaries (Wilckly & Dee Dorcé) before I promise anything. I promise to let them make the final decision on the matter.
- (9) I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the success of the trip, that my services in connection with this mission trip shall end, and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.
- (10) I am responsible for the cost of the airline ticket (whether it is used or not), which will be purchased by a deadline given by group leader.
- (11) I will raise funds for this trip by asking for financial support from friends and family, from personal finances and/or through fundraising drives.

i. **Signed**

**Date**

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## Short Term Mission Trip Medical Release

### Personal Agreement & Guidelines/Medical Release

In signing below, I represent that I am 18 years of age or older and accept the above conditions of the Personal Agreement & Guidelines. Persons under 18 must have this signed by their parent or guardian.

In case of a medical emergency, I authorize my trip leader or Blessing Hearts International staff to make decisions to allow me the best possible care. I will not hold Blessing Hearts International responsible or liable in the event of any such situation that may arise due to my participation in this trip.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Print Name of Parent/Guardian (if under 18)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Emergency Contact

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Relationship

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Phone Number

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Email Address

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Address

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Medical Conditions/Allergies