



# GROUP COVENANT

**Purpose:** the purpose of this covenant is to bind us together by the character of Christ so that we may reflect and serve Him most effectively.

It is important that we uphold our values as followers of Christ, and furthermore we must also live out the convictions of our partnering organization in order to represent them with integrity on the mission field.

- I will abstain from sexual immorality and interactions that threaten my purity and integrity as a follower of Christ. I will not engage in any form of sexual intimacy outside marriage, nor will I act out in affection for a member of the same sex. I will refrain from viewing pornography and will not indulge my mind with lustfully thoughts. **(1 Thessalonians 4:3, Hebrews 13:4, 2 Timothy 2:22, Philippians 4:8, Leviticus 18:12, Leviticus 20:13, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 5:9-13).**
- I will strive to maintain peace in all relationships by keeping short accounts. If there is an unresolved issue in a relationship, I will do my part in trying to reach peace and will learn to forgive. I will not be the instigator of bickering, gossip, or drama. **(Matthew 5:23-25, 18; Romans 12:18)**
- I will live in a way that honors my mother and father. So long as their instruction does not conflict with your Word, I will obey them. I will not disrespect them to their faces or behind their backs. I will accept them as the number one authority in my life, if I am not yet married. **(Ephesians 6:1-3)**
- I will refrain from abusing alcohol or drinking under age. Once on the trip, I will abstain from drinking all together realizing that Christian beliefs on this issue may vary. **(Romans 13:13, Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:21)**
- I will not participate in the recreational use or distribution of drugs. **(Deuteronomy 17:2; Ecclesiastes 8:2-5; Matthew 22:21; 23:2-3; Romans 13:1-7; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-17; 2 Peter 2:9-11)**
- I will work hard to become part of the team by prioritizing team meetings and fundraisers, by getting to know others, and by not isolating myself. I will not create a sub-group within the team or spend most of my time with a few select people. **(Colossians 3:23-24)**
- I will use good judgment in the multimedia I listen to, read, and watch. In the week prior to the trip, I will join the team in a one week fast from secular music, from TV, and from movies. I will replace those times with focused prayer, scripture study, and books/music that challenge me to spiritual maturity. **(Philippians 4:8)**

I take my ministry as an ambassador for Christ very seriously. I realize that my behavior may directly affect God's willingness to move through our group. Through the signing of this covenant I commit to the above conduct from this point on - both prior to and during the trip. I realize that my failure to meet these standards consistently may result in me being asked not to participate on the trip, and that no money raised or paid will be refunded.

I covenant with God, this group, and the leadership of Bridge Connections to follow Christ through all the above.

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