

## **Lightbearers Mission Trip Volunteer Covenant**

[1] I will remember that I am a guest/volunteer working at the invitation of a local pastor, missionary or missionary team.

[2] I will be open to learning other people's culture, methods and ideas.

[3] I will respect the host and host culture's expressions of Christianity. I recognize that Christianity has many faces throughout the world, and that one of the purposes of this trip is to witness and experience faith lived out in a new setting.

[4] I will develop and maintain a servant's attitude towards all nationals, missionary/pastoral hosts and my teammates.

[5] I will respect my team leader(s) in his/her/their decisions.

[6] I will refrain from gossip with/about other teammates and seek to build an environment of team unity within the missional context I am serving.

[7] I will refrain from complaining and will maintain an attitude of flexibility and fluidity. Traveling and serving in a new context (especially international) presents new challenges that require a spirit of adjustment.

[8] I will respect the work that is going on in the country with the particular church(es), missionaries or pastors with whom we are working. I realize that our team is here for just a short while, but that the local church and workers are here for the long term. I will respect their knowledge, insights and instructions.

[9] I will refrain from negative political comments or hostile discussions concerning our country's politics.

[10] I will refrain from being exclusive in my relationships with teammates. I will make every effort to interact with all members of the team and to serve collectively.

[11] I will refrain from any activity that could be construed as a romantic interest toward a national. I realize that certain activities that seem innocent in my own culture may seem inappropriate in others.

[12] I will abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages and the use of tobacco, and will refrain from any 'un-Christlike' behavior while on the trip.

[13] I will share my faith in an appropriate manner while on the mission field.

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name